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Taft High School

Taft, Texas

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...the world of the future, the
...to a world of hope and light,
...the flag of many
...to be learned.

...the youth of Tai, are
...the nations as well as our
...the world and the
...sponsoring foreign exchange

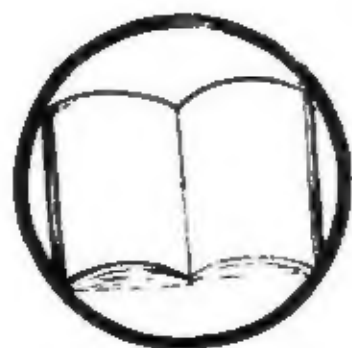
...creative participation, we hope to
...the diverse cultures of peoples every-
...create a sense of community, the essence

...the 1960 Track's will be a long-
...of the joys of being a carefree teen-
...spirit of pep rally; the thrill of winning
...the humor of those "class clowns"; the supe-
...being a senior; the lowliness of being a
...feeling of being a part of tra-
...not completing a certain paper;
...feeling of taking that dreaded test;
...young love.

...of years gone by
...days, we hope that the Track's will serve
...to cut through, to bring back a smile,
...perhaps a tear, but always a memory ...



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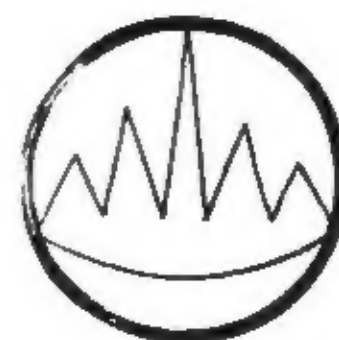
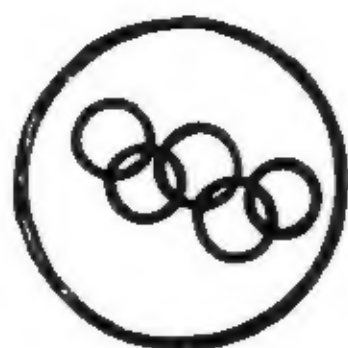
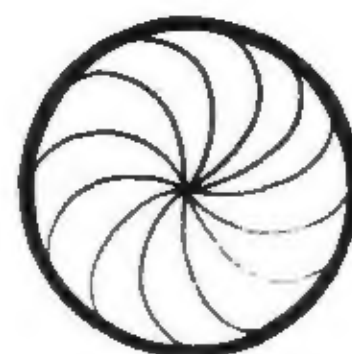
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ALMA MATER

Hail, Alma Mater, hats off to you.

Ever you'll find us, loyal and true,

Firm and undaunted, ever we'll be

Hail to the school we love

Here's a toast to thee!

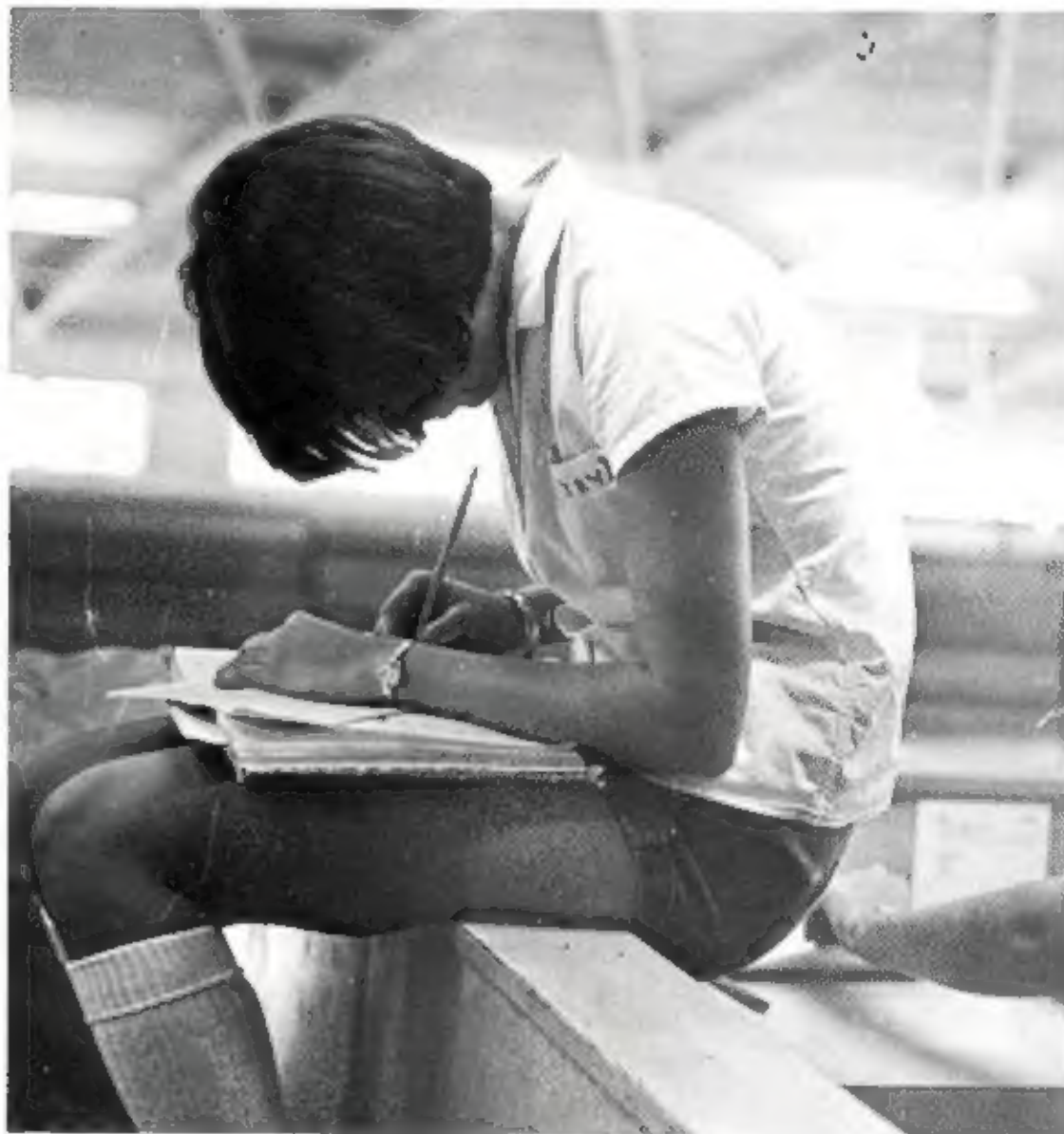


Taft High Campus



Education . . .

mental and moral development by instruction



Exploration . . .

to search into



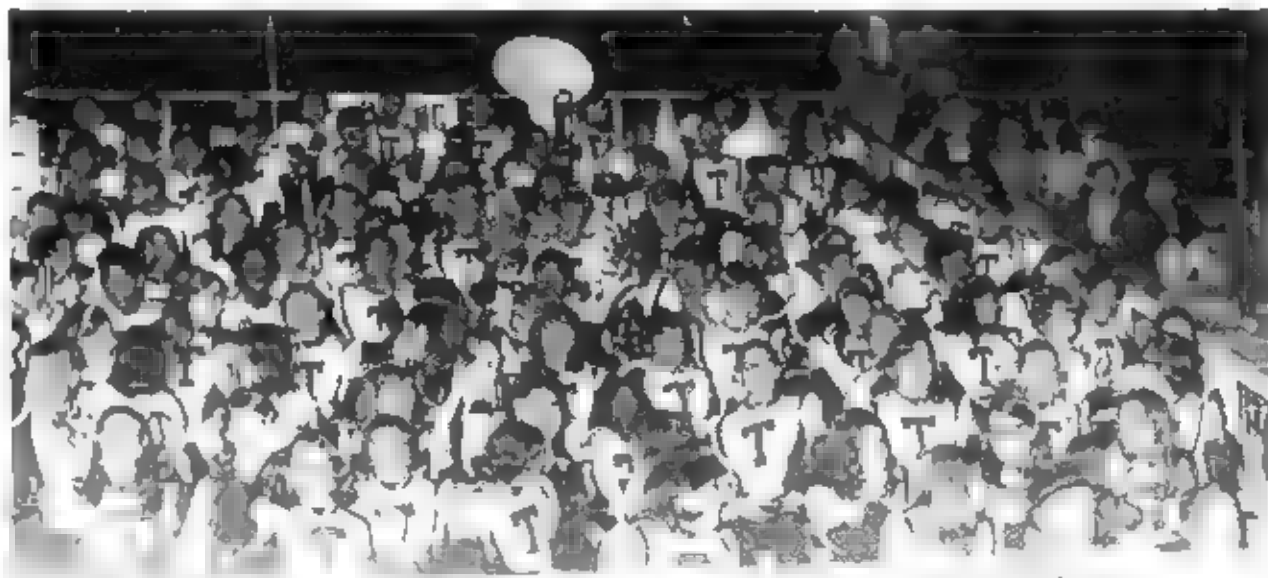
Communication . . .

act of transmitting



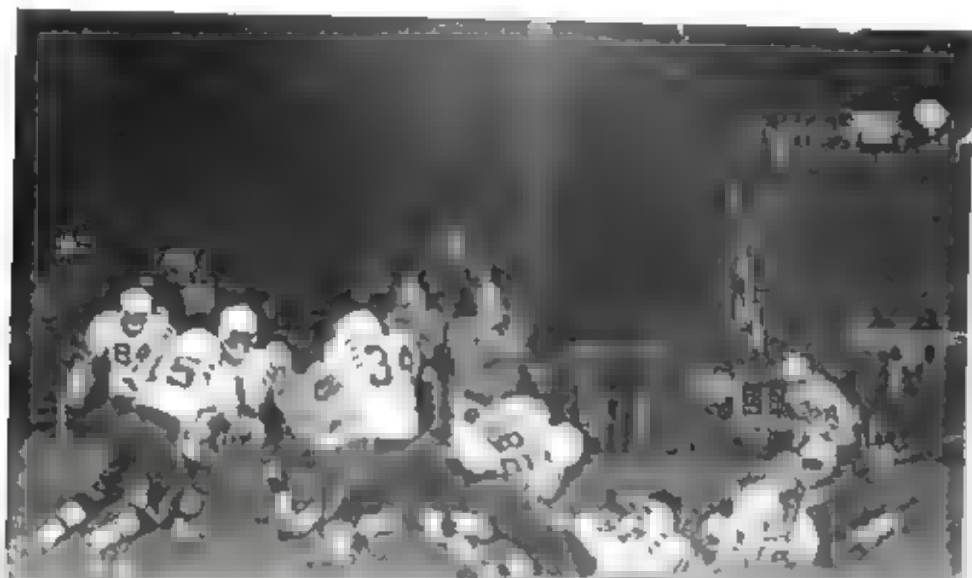
Participation . . .

sharing by more than one person



Competition . . .

the effort by two or more parties to win a contest



Celebration . . .

to express satisfaction





Coming to Taft High School for a year of study is Sue Benison of Perth, Australia. Sue came to Taft early in August and will return to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Benison, sometime in late July of this year.

By having Sue here, it is hoped that the youth of Taft, as well as the rest of the community, will learn more about the land of Australia, its people and its customs.

Most of all, it is hoped that the motto of the American Field Service, who is sponsoring our second AFS student, will be carried out. This motto:

Walk together, talk together
o ye people of the earth:
Then and only then
Shall ye have peace.

is the foundation by which we hope to build greater peace and a better understanding of the lands and peoples of the world.





School Board and Superintendent Shape School Policies.



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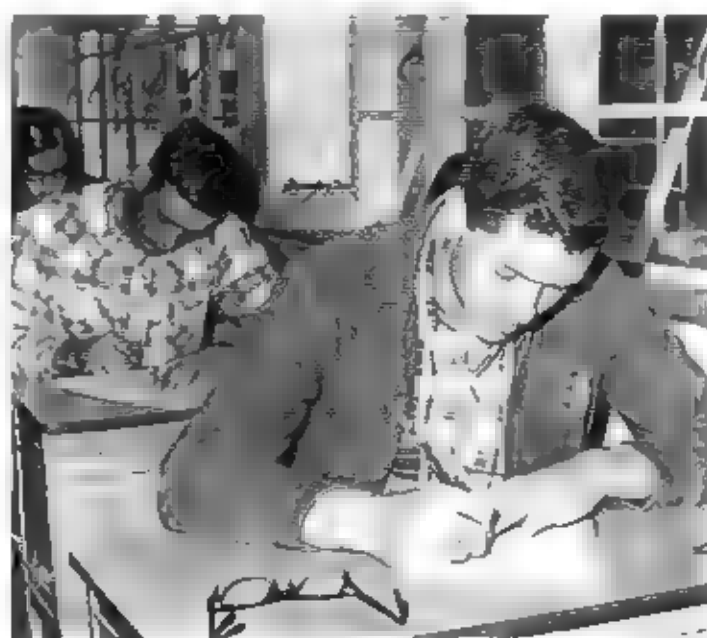
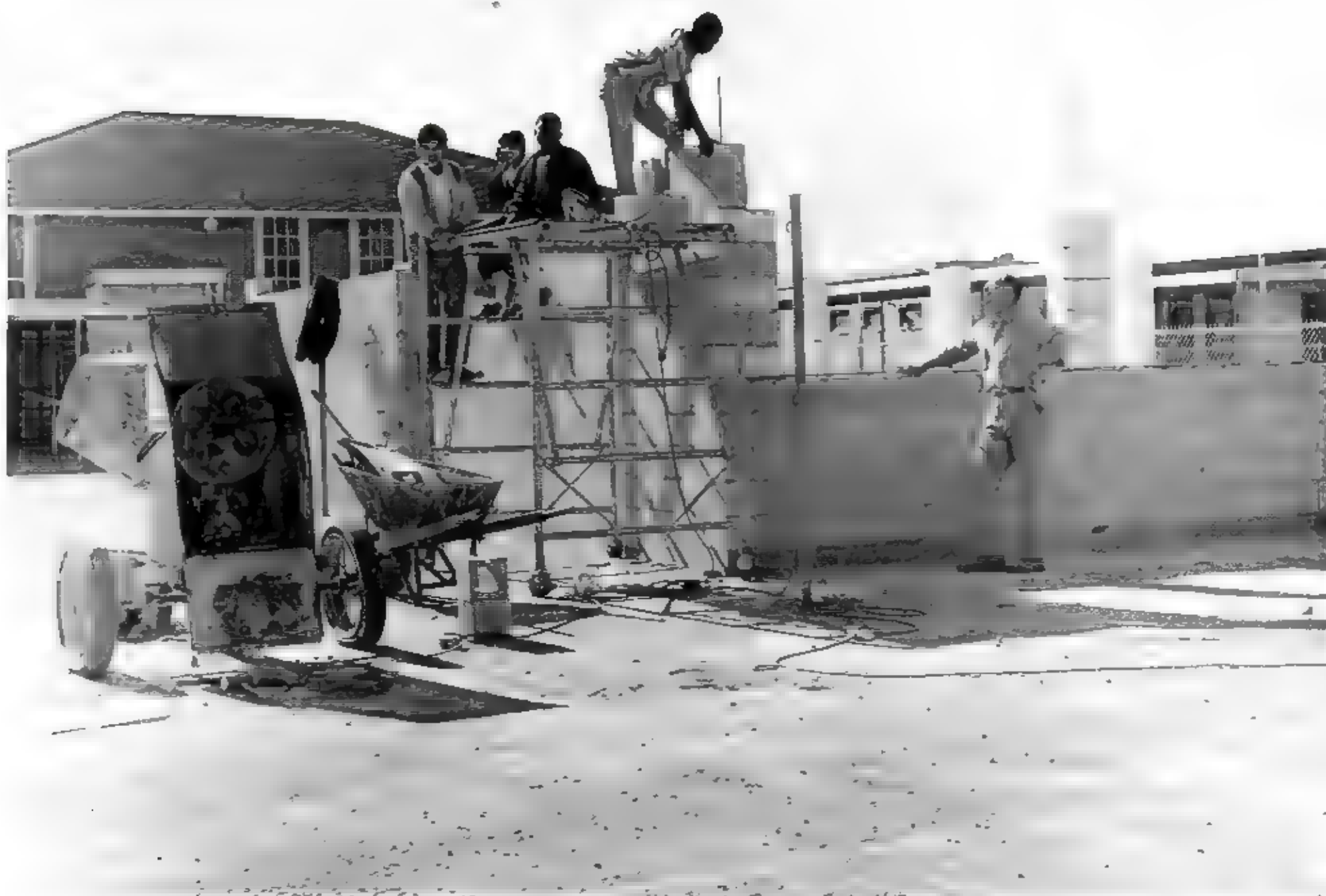
Business Manager

GENE PULLIN





ACADEMICS



VA and FFA Teach Leadership, Responsibility

Classes in Vocational Agriculture at THS are augmented with FFA projects to equip interested young men with a number of useful skills.

Greenhand parliamentary procedure and livestock judging contests challenge VA I students while VA II, VA III, and VA IV boys are taught livestock and plant disease control and farm management.



Agriculture



BETTY THOMAS



PAUL GILMORE

Art and Music Stimulate Cultural Environment

Cultural development does not end with literature and classic writings but extends further into the world of art and music. These departments stress that creating is still important in today's scientific world.



MARTIN WIND



Art and Music



FRANKLIN
McALLISTER



BETTY PYRON



FLORENCE MAYFIELD

Commercial Courses Develop Skills for Future Jobs

The business curriculum at THS trains students in the development of attitudes, qualities and abilities in commercial skills which will be valuable to him in both personal and vocational jobs. With crowded classes, the business department faculty has been expanded to include three teachers.



Commercial

HE and FHA Stress the Practical

Endeavoring to prepare the young homemaker for the world of tomorrow, the H.E. department teaches not only the fundamentals of cooking and sewing, but also child care, first aid, insurance, and other essential and practical facets of homemaking.

In preparing the young homemaker for a bright future, THS offers those interested girls a complete four-year H.E. curriculum.



JACQUELYN SANDERS



PHYLLIS THEIS



ALICIA FLORES



Math and Science Challenge Progressive Youth

In today's ever-changing world, an unlimited expanse of knowledge is open for exploration by young minds in the world of science. A variety of subjects is available and all are hungry for young scientists and mathematicians. The discovery of a new fact, watching a chemical reaction, solving for the unknown quantity, "x" is exciting, so much so that this is perhaps the reason why these subjects are so popular among the students at T.H.S.





English Courses Provide a Solid Literary Background

Filmstrips, records and convenient paper-back novels are invaluable aids to the THS English Department. The teachers in this section realize the importance of an intellectually stimulated mind. As they planned the curriculum for the student's required four-year study, they tried to make the English program detailed, while still covering as much material as possible.



ALFREDA RANKIN



EVELYN MAPLES



LINDA STAPPER



FRANCIS PHELPS



RAY VON ROSENBERG

Athletic Activities Stress Health and Recreation

The goal of the Physical Education program at THS is to help the students realize that if he starts life fit, chances are he'll stay that way. The program includes many different physical fitness programs.





GLADYS THREADGILL



HERB SIGLE



JOSEPH FERKO



Social Studies Promote International Understanding

History courses hold the key to better international relations. A complete knowledge of other countries encourages peace by opening the doors to understanding and cooperation. Learning the customs, ideals and principles of other countries enables a student to gain valuable insight into the world around him. This is the basis of the Social Studies department.

Students Utilize Bilingual Opportunities

Taft lies just 150 miles southwest of the Rio Grande River which forms the boundary line between the United States and Mexico. For an effective and friendly relationship between the Americans and Mexicans in this area, a bilingual vocabulary is important. The tools for the mastery of the Spanish language are offered in the curriculum at THS in Spanish I and II.



Spanish

V.I.C. Courses Teach Valuable Skills

To create an interest in industry and to prepare students to live a more productive life is the goal of Vocational Industries. It endeavors to train the hands as well as the mind. No matter how large or small the job, their task is important for themselves, as well as others.



ARTHUR McMILLIN



ARTHUR FIELDER







ACTIVITIES

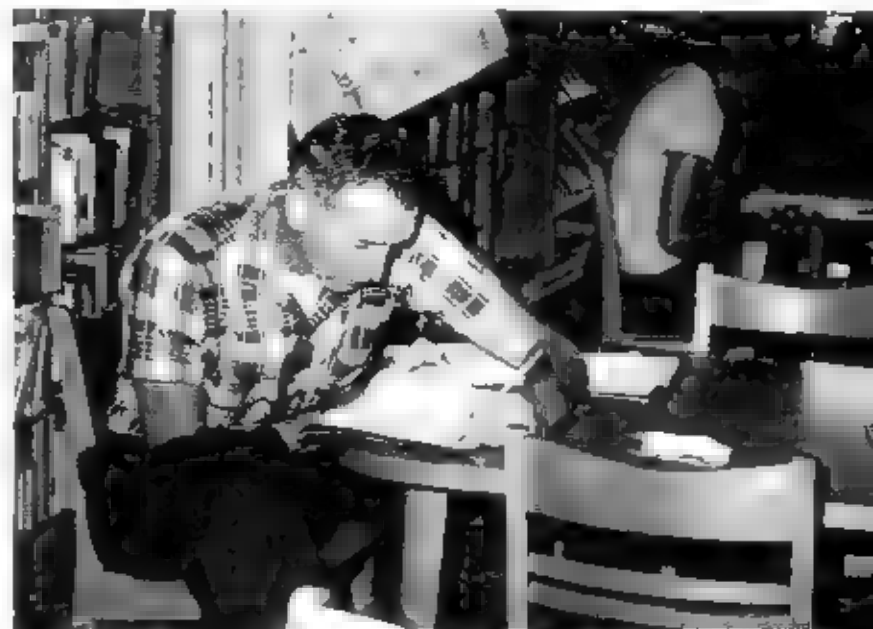


Football players start practice early for district play.



Exchange student Sue Benison is presented to students at assembly by principal J. W. Booher.

Mr. Graham prepares test for unanxious class.



First Week Filled With Fun and Work

On September 3, Taft High School opened its doors to begin the 1968-69 school year to an enrollment of 383 students. In the opening day assembly, the faculty members and this year's foreign exchange student, Sue Benison, from Australia, were introduced by Principal Wilbur Booher before beginning classes. Mr. Booher reviewed the school policies explained in the Student Handbook.

One of the highlights of the first week of school was the organization of a "spirit club" under the direction of homemaking teacher, Mrs. Jacquelyn Sanders and Mr. Booher. The members of this club co-operated with the cheerleaders and pep squad to build up the spirit of the students. The members began their work by making signs for the first football game of the year for the Greyhound's against their age-old rivals, the Sinton Pirates.

Also during the first week of school, many other clubs held meetings to elect their officers and to organize the year's activities. The Student Council discussed plans for Homecoming and the best Band in the west, the Greyhound band began practicing for their half-time performances.

While students busily plan the new school year, the faculty introduced the academic "foundations for learning." A combination of work and fun were displayed by everyone to make the 1968-69 school year a success.



Students get the library organized for the coming school year.

Members of the band return from a hard day's practice for a rest.





TOP: Cheerleaders and twirlers do a pom-pom and twirling routine during a pep rally.

LEFT: Cheryl Phillips seems to be showing her enthusiasm at one of the pep rallies.

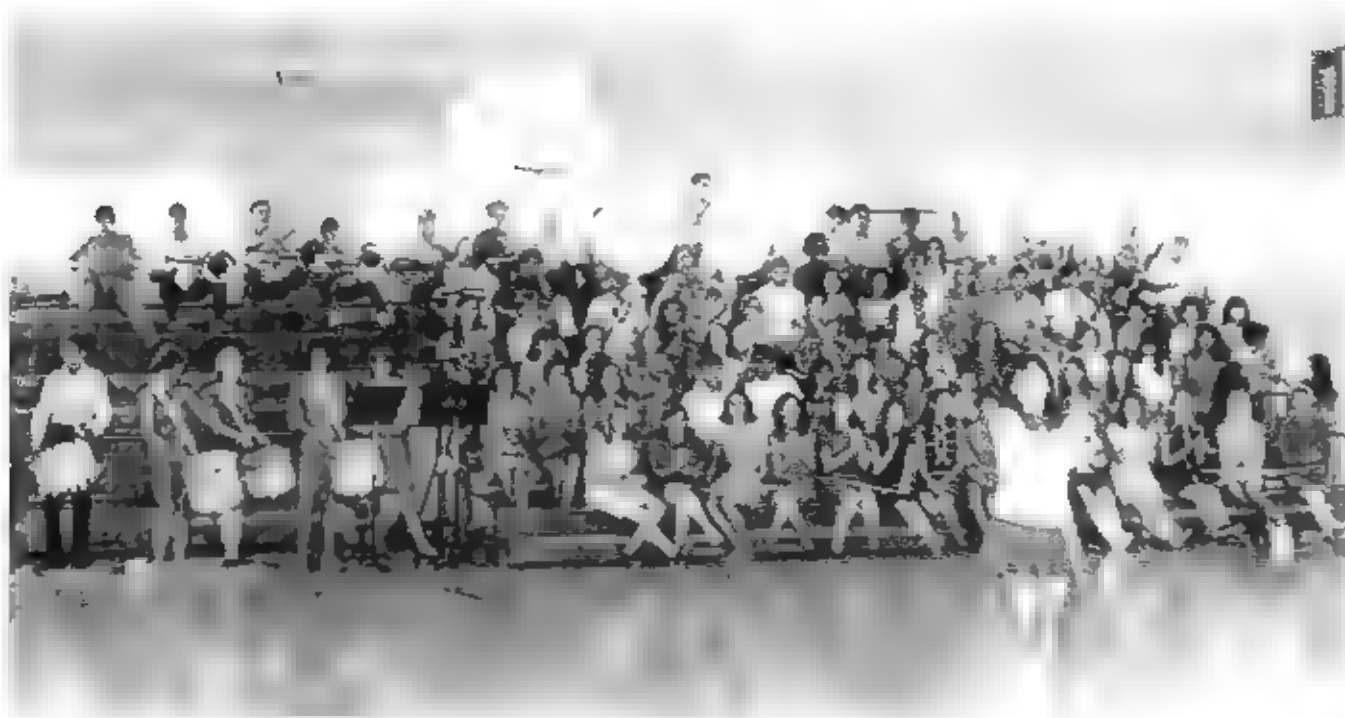
RIGHT: Mrs. Roylene Hunt, an ex-cheerleader from Taft High, shows her spirit at the bonfire.





LEFT: Mr. Waddle supports the Greyhounds at a pep rally.

RIGHT: The Greyhounds accept praise for victories.



Pep Rallies

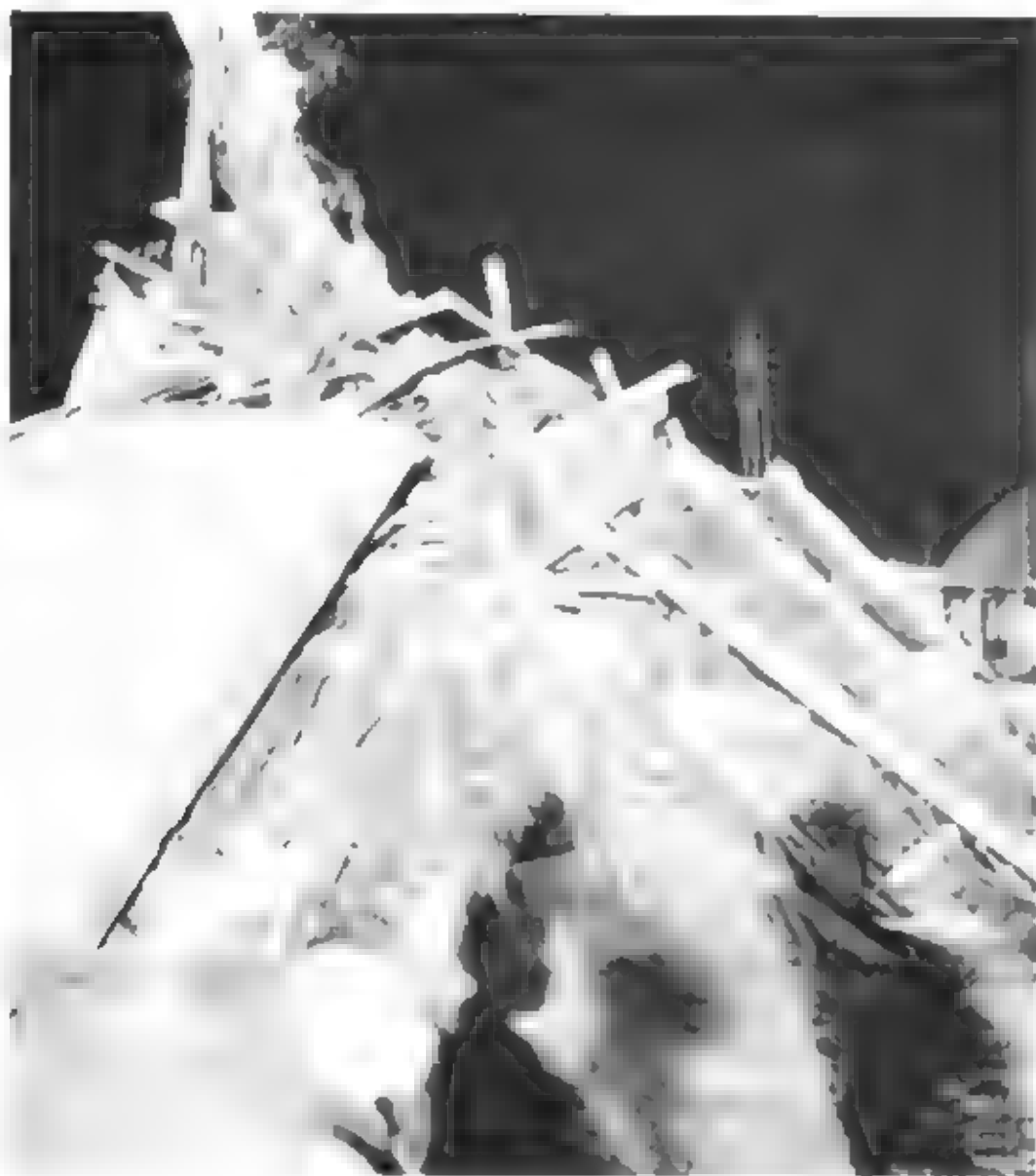
Builders of School Spirit

The pep rallies throughout football season were a source of encouragement to our football players. It would be hard to imagine a successful pep rally without including the stirring music played by the band and the twirling routines which were so carefully prepared by the majorettes. There were also added attractions such as speeches, skits, and inspiring posters. Our energetic cheerleaders led effective yells that stimulated school spirit, which on most occasions lead the Greyhounds to victories.

The fire was lighted and the memories of football, homecoming, and past bonfires appeared.

As the bonfire grows, the spirit grows.

Some people always seem to have their mouths open.



Homecoming Week Is Full of Excitement



"Dress-up" winners were Lucille Lott and Juan Castellano.

During Homecoming Week the Student Council sponsored Spirit Week. The week consisted of students dressed according to the specific day and prizes were awarded to the best dressed each day. The days were "Blue Monday," "Psychadelic Tuesday," "Western Wednesday," "Dress-up Thursday," and "Spirit Friday."



Mary Jane Schmidt dressed as Indian on Western Day.



Psychadelic winner -
Leon Rhodes



Blue Monday winner -
Anne Ayers

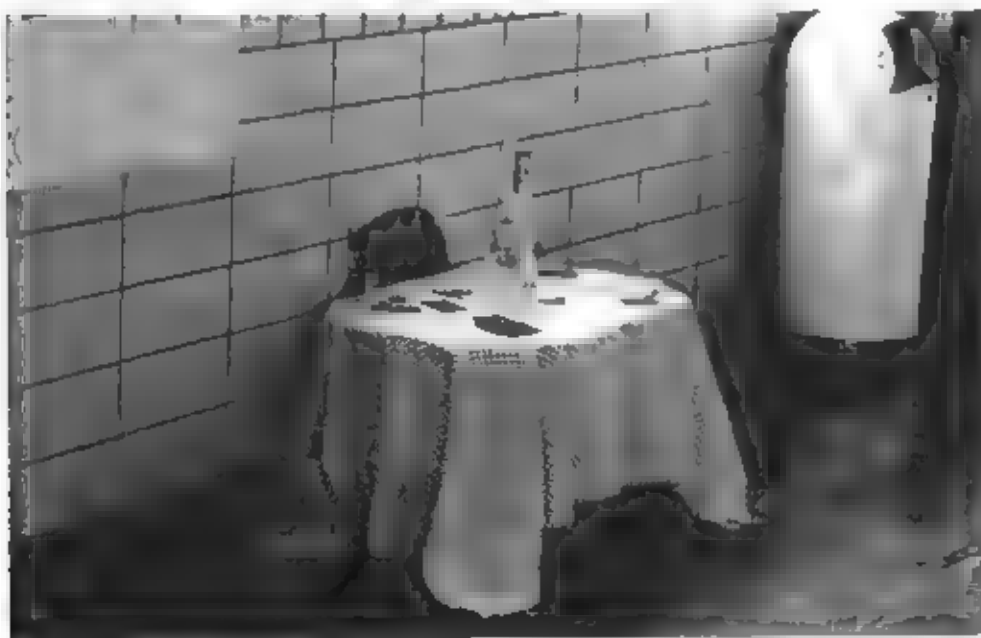


Blue Monday winner -
Robert Sturgeon



Seniors Win Hall Contest

Gail Ivey, president of the Senior class, accepts the award for the best hall from Suzie Threadgill, president of the Student Council.



Seniors use Western theme to decorate their hall.

Juniors display "Spirit From the House of Juniors."

Sophomores trash-out with "Dump the Longhorns."





Cold and Rain Accompany Homecoming

The crowd tries their best to keep warm during the football game.



Interest in the game keeps the players too busy to get cold.

Students huddle together to keep warm.



The seniors of the band were honored during the pre-game ceremonies.

Cheryl Shelburne

Crowned Football Sweetheart

On a cold chilly night Cheryl Shelburn was crowned Football Sweetheart by Jimmy Miller, left, and Frank Davis, who were both injured players of this season.



1968 Sweetheart gets a kiss
from Jimmy Miller.



MISS CLARA GARCIA



MISS GAIL IVEY

Nominees

These girls were also chosen by the football players as candidates for Sweet-heart.



MISS CARMEN GALINDO



MISS VALERIE BECKER



MISS JOYCE ROTZLER

Drama Class Presents "Our Town"

TOP RIGHT: Ann Rachel and Buddy Howard, the sweethearts of the play, have a serious discussion.

BOTTOM Wedding of the sweethearts.



Seniors Present . . .



The Madwomen sing and dance as the Senior play comes to a close.



Debie Marsh portrays her acting ability in the role of "Josephine."



Gail Ivey, as Countess Aurelia, and Sandy Gracey, as Constance, act together as the leading Madwomen.

"The Madwoman of Chaillot"

Students Participate in Christmas Activities

The student body participated in the Christmas parade sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce by building floats and driving decorated cars. The color guards led the parade with formations of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts following. Santa Claus arrived downtown with candy for the children. The parade is looked forward to by everyone each year.



The Taft Band, led by Drum major Cheryl Phillips, added to the festive mood by playing Christmas music as they marched in the parade.

Students show Christmas spirit by decorating tree.



Sandy Gracey was a sad clown.





As a result of magazine sales, Mr. Wind gets pie in face.



Betty Koonce's entry in the "Make It With Wool" Contest in San Antonio placed third.

The Spanish Club sponsored a party for pre-school children.

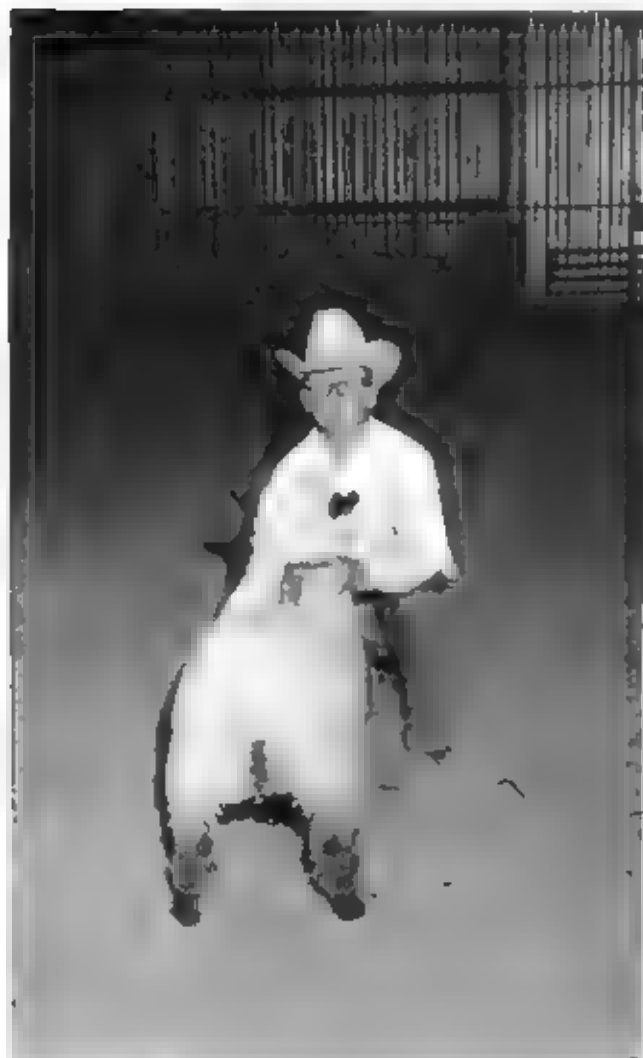


F.F.A., F.H.A., and 4-H Take Part in County Show

Richard Threadgill carefully looks over his horse before the judging starts.



Charles Tomlin shows his winning sheep.



Melvin Burch seems quite proud of his hog.



Dennis Brezina seems interested in winning a ribbon.





Melanie Becker,
Joyce Rotzler,
Carolyn Wendel,
Lynne Lavender,
and Helen Cox
model their
prize winning
clothes.

A few girls found time to relax after a tedious day at the County Show.



Assemblies Are of Interest to Students

During the school year, a variety of assemblies were presented to the student body. Sue Bension, our second foreign student, spoke at varied times to the student body. The band also presented an assembly with appropriate music for the Christmas season.



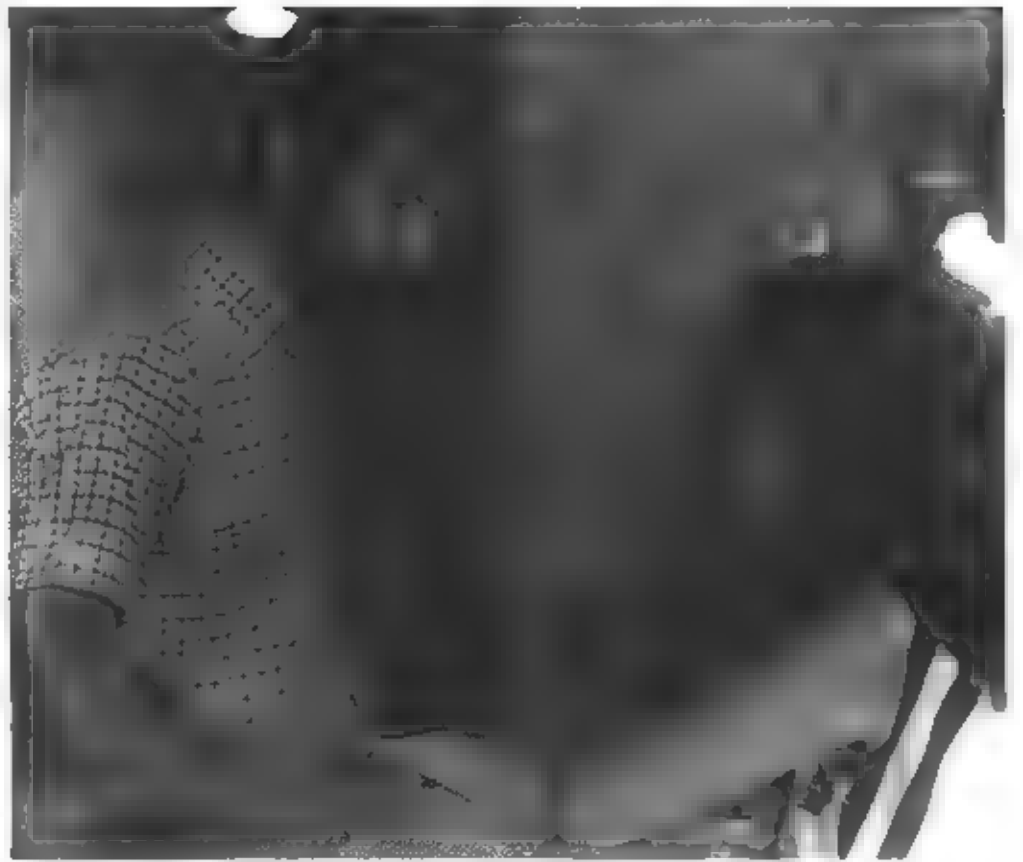
Sue Bension addresses the students at an assembly.

The Taft High Band presents a Christmas concert for the students.



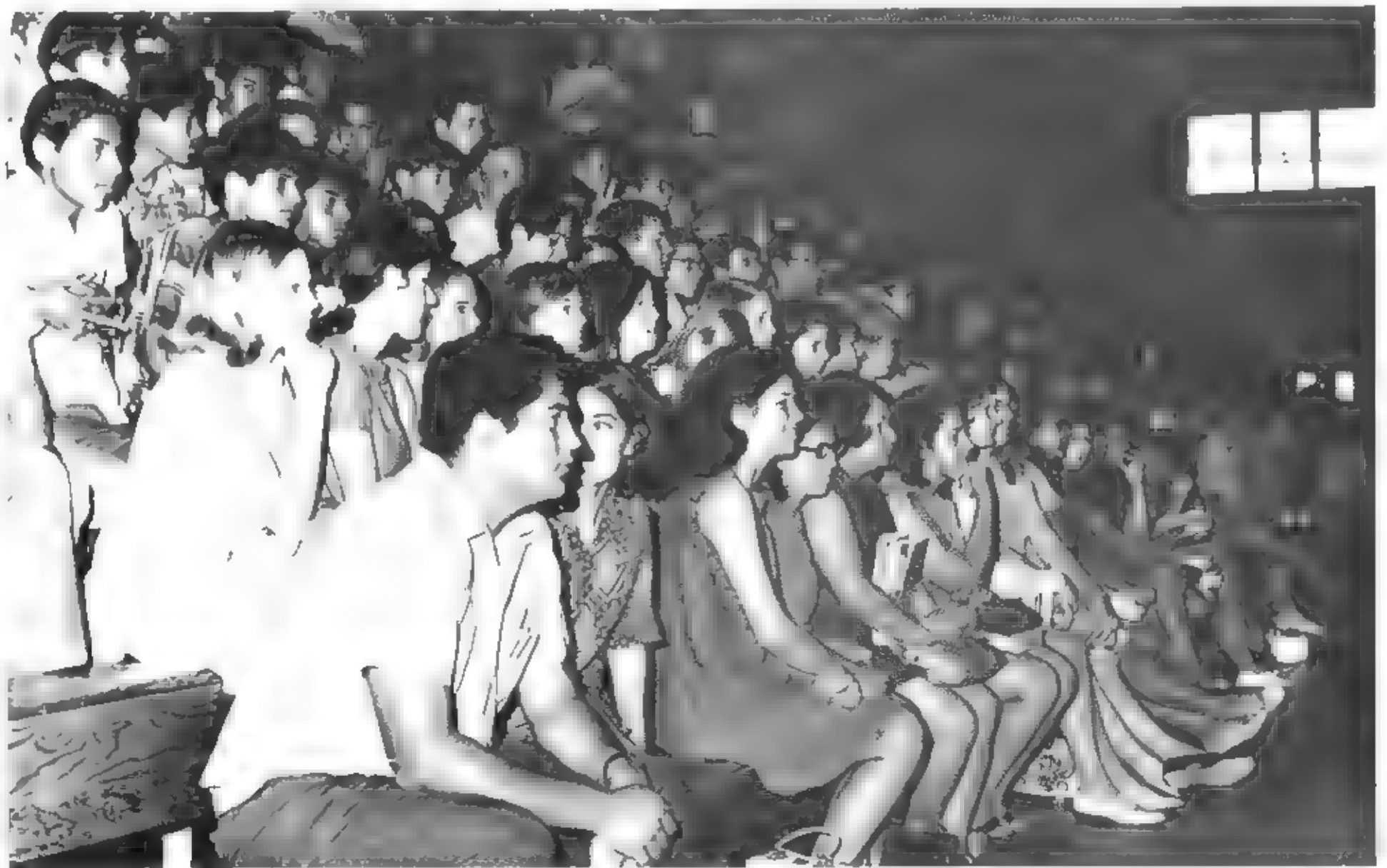


Student Council Sponsors Elections



R. Montgomery candidate for Student Council.

Students cast ballots for election.



Student Body analyzes candidates' positions on the issues.

"Fantasy of Flowers" Is Prom Theme

Preparation for the Junior and Senior Prom began during the beginning of the first semester of school with many money-making projects. The Junior Class, room mothers, and sponsors worked very hard to present a most beautiful prom.



James Burch and Dru Ivey seem to enjoy the dancing at the prom.

Juniors and Seniors enjoy the food and decoration at the prom.





Miss Threadgill and Miss Mayfield enjoy the prom.



Students arrive at the prom.



As the band played the dance floor became crowded.

Janie Cox and her date enjoy the food.



Each junior and senior seemed to be in a new world of elegance and grace.



Taft High Welcomes AFS'ers

The Taft High Student Council sponsored an assembly for the foreign exchange students. There were students from England, France, Sweden, Italy, Paraguay, Thailand, Finland, Switzerland, Iceland, and Australia. They brought much enjoyment to the students.

Foreign students take part in a panel discussion held by the Student Council.



These were the students who participated in the discussion during the assembly.





All of the foreign students gather around the Homemaking Cottage before the lunch was served.
Homemaking girls serve themselves at the luncheon.

Becky Pinkett really seems to be enjoying her lunch with the students.



The students converse while eating the foreign foods prepared by the Homemaking girls.



Sue Bension fills her plate with delicious foods.



Home and Family Life Class Holds Mock Reception



These girls learned to serve wedding cake.



These girls worked at the grooms table

English Student's Celebrate Birthday With Projects

English Students turn in their projects to celebrate Mr. Von's Birthday. Patti Toland explains her English project as the class looks on.



Band Bar-B-Que Is Held at Sinton Park



Food and laughs make the bar-b-que a success.



Debie Marsh and Ted Nelson
received honor awards for band.



Everyone seems to be enjoying the bar-b-que.



Kathy Toland, Jan Threadgill, and
Valerie Becker enjoy the bar-b-que
given by the Band Boosters.

Circle "R" Dude Ranch Site of Senior Trip

This year the Seniors took a short trip up to the Circle R Ranch in Medina, Texas. The day was filled with a variety of activities which ranged from eating, swimming, and being alone just to be able to enjoy the quiet atmosphere.

The delicious food was enjoyed by the seniors.



Seniors enjoy a splash in the cool pool.



Coach Halverson takes a moment of rest from the seniors.



TOP: The senior boys find it enjoying to row down the river.



CENTER: Some senior boys took time out for a little game of volleyball.

BOTTOM: "THE LINE UP"

Fun In The River.



"We Are the Builders of Homes . . ."

The Future Homemakers of America gives many girls a chance to delve into their home-making talents and to produce items of unbelievable quality. Every year the new officers are installed at a formal ceremony. This installation instills in the girls a true pride of home-making. F.H.A. is a club for girls who wish to work, learn, and have a lot of fun.



Sylvia Beyer gets installed as new President.

Carolyn Wendel serves cake to the members.





Will and Prophecy "Laugh-Out" With the "Greek Gods"



TOP: The Juniors Present the theme "Laugh-Out".

CENTER: The speaker holds their undivided attention.

BOTTOM: "You can bet your sweet bippy that I am busy tonite and every night."

RIGHT TOP: The chorus girls did their chorus.

RIGHT BOTTOM: Bobby Suarez, Speedy Hamilton, and James Wagner made their appearance at the party.



Mr. Von Rosenberg rises to present the English award.



D.A.R. AWARD - Mary Lou Medina





Anne Ayers was presented the Silver Thimble Award by the Junior Woman's Club.



Betty Jean Koonce proudly holds her Crisco Award.



Becky Pinkett received the Betty Crocker Award.



U.S. Navy Photo
Jody Paterson received the Navy Cruise Award with Science Project in the Corpus Christi Fair.



Students receiving awards were seated in front of the student body.



Miss Sue Benison gave her Farewell speech with mixed emotions.



Theresa Langen, FHA President, presented Mr. Booher with red roses as a token of appreciation.

Seniors End High School Career

Taft graduates largest class in history! 120!

The Baccalaureate Services delivered by Rev. John R. Taylor, First Baptist Church, were held on Sunday evening, May 25 in the School Auditorium.

The Graduation Service was held in Greyhound Stadium, May 30.



The Ministers watched intently as the graduates filed into the auditorium.



Mr. Booher double checks to see that students are in the right place.





ATHLETICS



FRONT ROW (l-r): Rivera, Washington, Flinn, Gahndo, Huestis, Garcia, and Green. MIDDLE ROW (l-r): Burch, Rayborn, Sutton, G. Davis, Hamilton, Hodges, Suarez, Heck, and Miller. TOP ROW (l-r): F. Davis, Rendon, Hardy, Orta, Mendez, Nance, Homann, Gabrysch, Beyer, Hisey, and Rachal.

*-District
 **-Homecoming

BI-DISTRICT:
 GOLIAD 30, TAFT 6

GREYHOUNDS 1969 GAME SCHEDULE

TEAM	RESULTS	PLACE
Sinton	14-14	here
Aransas Pass	14- 8	there
Gregory - Port.	0-29	there
Refugio	6-63	here
*Woodsboro	9- 6	here
*Calallen	6- 2	there
*Rockport	21-20	here
*Mathis	33- 8	there
**George West	12- 8	here
*Ingleside	0- 8	there



COACHES (l-r): Poppy Rodriguez, Roy Stegall, and headcoach Herb Sigle.

ALL-DISTRICT TEAM (l-r): Von Lee Heck, Ronnie Homann, Bobby Nance, Ernest Rendon, Ernest Mendez, Ray Gabrysch, and Rusty Rayborn.



Texas football magazine rates Hounds #1 in class 28AA

Taft, Sinton Tie, 14-14

TAFT — Two old South Texas football rivals, the Taft Greyhounds and Sinton Pirates, battled to a 14-14 tie here Friday night in a light drizzle in a season-opening contest for both teams.

Taft got on the scoreboard first midway in the initial quarter as fullback Ray Gabrysch went 72 yards before being tackled on the three-yard-line. Two plays later Gabrysch bucked over the score. Quarterback James Burch passed to halfback Frank Davis for the two extra points.

Sinton came back shortly before the half as fullback Gary Gibson went over from the two-

yard line to cap a 50-yard drive. Quarterback Craig Chafin's pass to Gibson was good for the extra points and a 8-8 half-time tie.

Sinton took the lead in the fourth quarter after a Taft punt was fumbled at the Taft 20. Halfback Elias Casas scored from the five-yard-line a few plays later. The attempted conversion kick failed.

Taft marched the ensuing kickoff 40 yards with Burch passing to Marshall Green, a halfback, for the tying tally. A run for the points after failed.

Sinton led in first downs, 16 to 9. Gabrysch paced all runners with 187 yards rushing.

Wildcats Run Taft Ragged, Winning 29-0

PORTLAND — The Gregory-Portland Wildcats outclassed the Taft Greyhounds, 29-0, here Friday night.

The Wildcat defensive unit allowed Taft as far as the Wildcat 33-yard line only once and shook the ball loose 10 times. The Greyhounds lost four of the bobbles.

Gregory-Portland scored with 4:32 left in the first period as fullback Gene Coke plunged over from the one, capping a 52-yard march. The point kick failed.

The Wildcats rolled again on a 69-yard drive in the second quarter. The highlight was a 57-yard pass from Leland Dubose to end Ken Willis who worked his way behind the secondary with the help of Leland's fakery of a running play. Again the kick failed.

The half ended 12 to 0.
Punt Fumbled

Early in the third period Wildcat Gregg Avery punted 45 yards. James Burch fielded the kick on his 10, retreated, looking for an opening and fumbled when hit hard by Harry McDaniel and Robert Flesher. The ball floated free into the end-zone and Ken Willis fell on it for six points.

Albert Fixmer, Belgian lad who has been in this country for two years, found the range with his left-footed soccer kick, making the score 19 to 0.

Field Goal Good

After a 47-yard drive fizzled on the Taft 10, Fixmer kicked a 27-yard field goal and added three points.

Midway in the fourth period McDaniel scored from two yards out on a drive play. The drive had carried from the Taft 35. Fixmer's kick was good once more.

Dubose connected on nine of 16 passes for 190 yards. Contributing to the tough Wildcat defense were Chip Newton, McDaniel, Ken Brannon, Mike Russell and Ray Rackley.



Quarterback Burch thrown for a loss against G-P.

Hounds Make Breaks To Top Panthers

	Taft	A. P.
First Downs	10	8
Yards Rushing	97	118
Yards Passing	24	25
Passes Attempt.	8	11
Passes Comp.	2	3
Passes Int. By	2	1
Punts	4-32	5-28
Penalties	5-65	11-84
Fumbles Lost By	2	3

TAFT	TC	TY
80 Rendon	8	3
35 Hamilton	12	27
88 Davis	15	55
15 Huost's	3	1
10 Burch	6	11
TOTALS	44	97

ARANSAS PASS	TC	TY
30 Howard	5	9
10 Moore	9	20
22 Escamilla	16	64
33 Riddle	2	11
12 Branch	3	—9
44 Heath	9	23
TOTALS	44	118

Scoring action came mid-way in the second quarter when the hard rushing Hound line contributed to a fourth down Panther miscue, giving Taft the ball on the Aransas Pass 26-yd line. Davis punched the ball over to score and Bill Flinn kicked the extra point to give Taft a lead that stood at half time at 7 to 0.

A bad snap again featured on the next scoring play. Taft attempted to get a kick off from the end zone had a safety scored on them when the ball sailed over the punters head into the end zone.

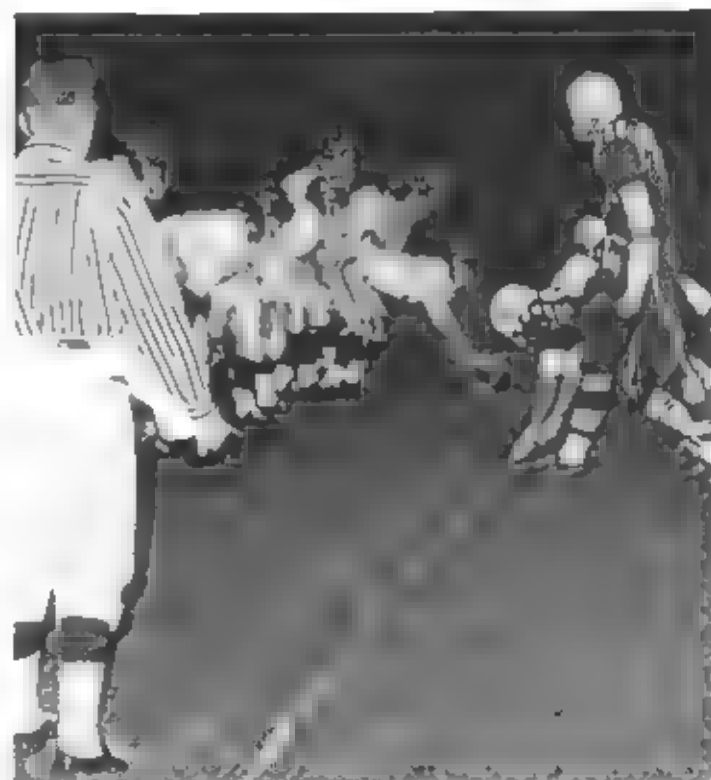
Rayborn recovered his second fumble of the evening to set the Hounds in motion for their next score which ended when Burch passed to Rayborn in the end zone. Flinn added the extra point and Taft led 14 to 2.

A costly Hound fumble set the stage for the next Panther score and a completed pass gave the score - 14 to 8.

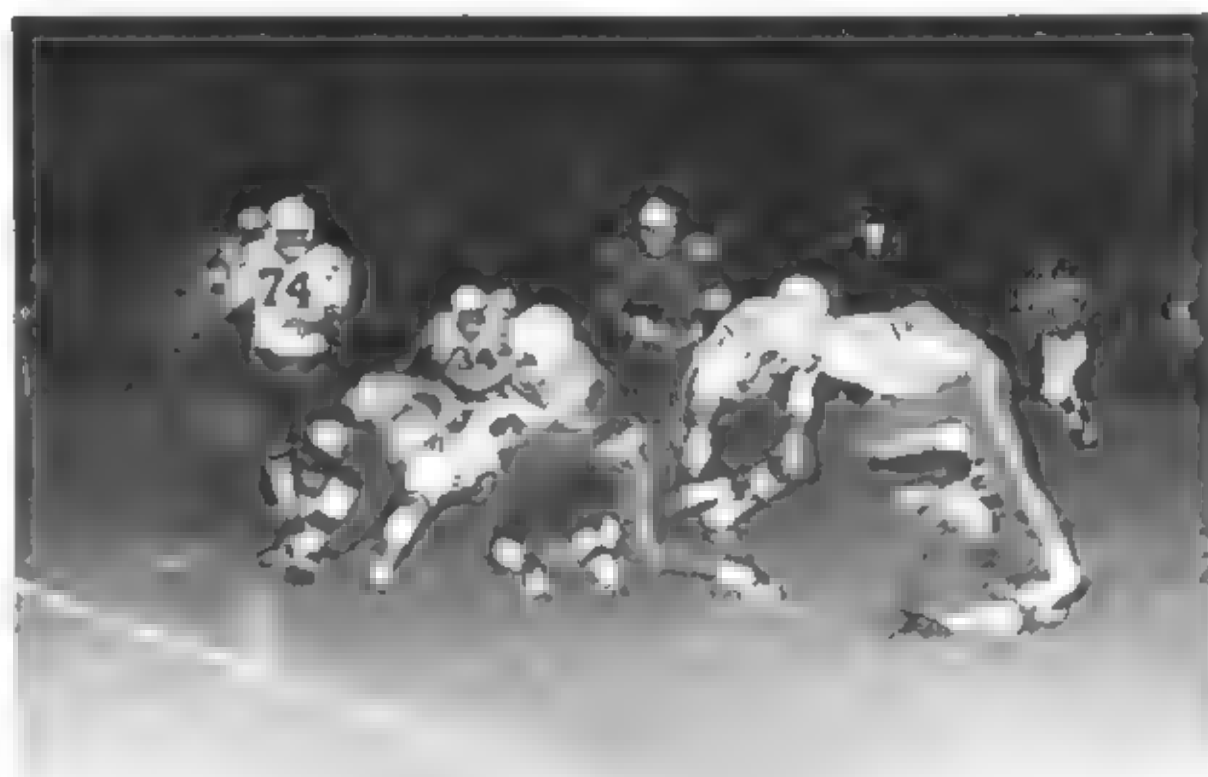
Breaks played a big part in Taft's 14-8 victory over Aransas Pass last Friday night with both sides getting their share but Taft managed to capitalize on one more than the Panthers.

Individual honors went to Rusty Rayborn, 162 pound junior end, who played one of the best games of his career as he recovered two fumbles, caught a touchdown pass and punted well. He was also a power on defense.

The game was pretty evenly matched as neither team was able to move consistently against the other on the ground or through the air. Taft managed for two more first downs than Aransas Pass but the Panthers were able to stack up more yardage on the ground and in the air.



Hounds prepare to stop Aransas Pass again.



Ernest Rendon is brought down after a short gain as Willie Orta looks on.

Bill Flinn making one of the rare good defensive plays against Refugio.



Refugio Bombs Greyhounds

TAFT — The Refugio Bobcats pass from Shaw to Mike Davis. In the second quarter, Refugio defeated the Taft Greyhounds, 63-6, here Friday night to remain undefeated for the season and to push their point total to 237 for their four games. Refugio is ranked No. 4 in the state in Class 3A competition.

Refugio scored in the first quarter on a five-yard run by Raymond Anderson with Bull Lewis kicking the extra point.

Taft came back to score on a 16-yard pass from James Burch to Rusty Rayburn.

The Bobcats then scored on a 57-yard pass from Sam Shaw to Bull Lewis and on a 38-yard

pass from Shaw to Mike Davis. In the second quarter, Refugio drove 85 yards with Anderson going over from the four. Bull Lewis ran for two points.

Efren Gibson scored on a 25-yard pass with Bull Lewis adding the extra points.

Bull Lewis scored in the third quarter on a 43-yard run with Bryan Shaw scoring the two points. Gibson scored again on a 5-yard run and Sam Shaw passed to Edward Lewis for two points.

Gibson then scored on an 87-yard run and Gary Lott added the final score on a one-yard plunge.



Ronnie Homann aids in bringing down a stubborn Bobcat.

Taft Tops Eagles In District Game

One big sustained drive proved to be the big difference last Saturday night as the Taft Greyhounds won their first district game of the season over the Woodboro Eagles 9 to 6.

The ball slid back and forth until midway in the second quarter and Taft came into possession on their own 20-yd line. Ray Gabrysch opened the drive with a 12 yard run and another five before Rendon uncorked a 22 yard scamper. Gabrysch slugged out another first down and just as the drive appeared to fizzle out, following two incomplete passes, Rendon broke loose to set up a first down on the Woodboro 3 - yd line. Two plays later Rendon took the ball in for a TD and Bill Flinn booted the ball squarely through the uprights to give Taft a 7 to 0 lead. This score held at half time.

The Eagles came back on their field full of fight and determination. Taft sought to get the ball moving through the air only to have Jimmy Shipp intercept one of Burch's passes and returned it all the way to the Taft 26-yd line before he was overhauled.

From this point the Eagles hit slowly on the ground. A five yd. penalty hurt them but then Perez passed to Kenneth Terrell for 17 yards and a first down on the Taft 6-yd line. Again another penalty forced the Eagles back but the same passing combina-

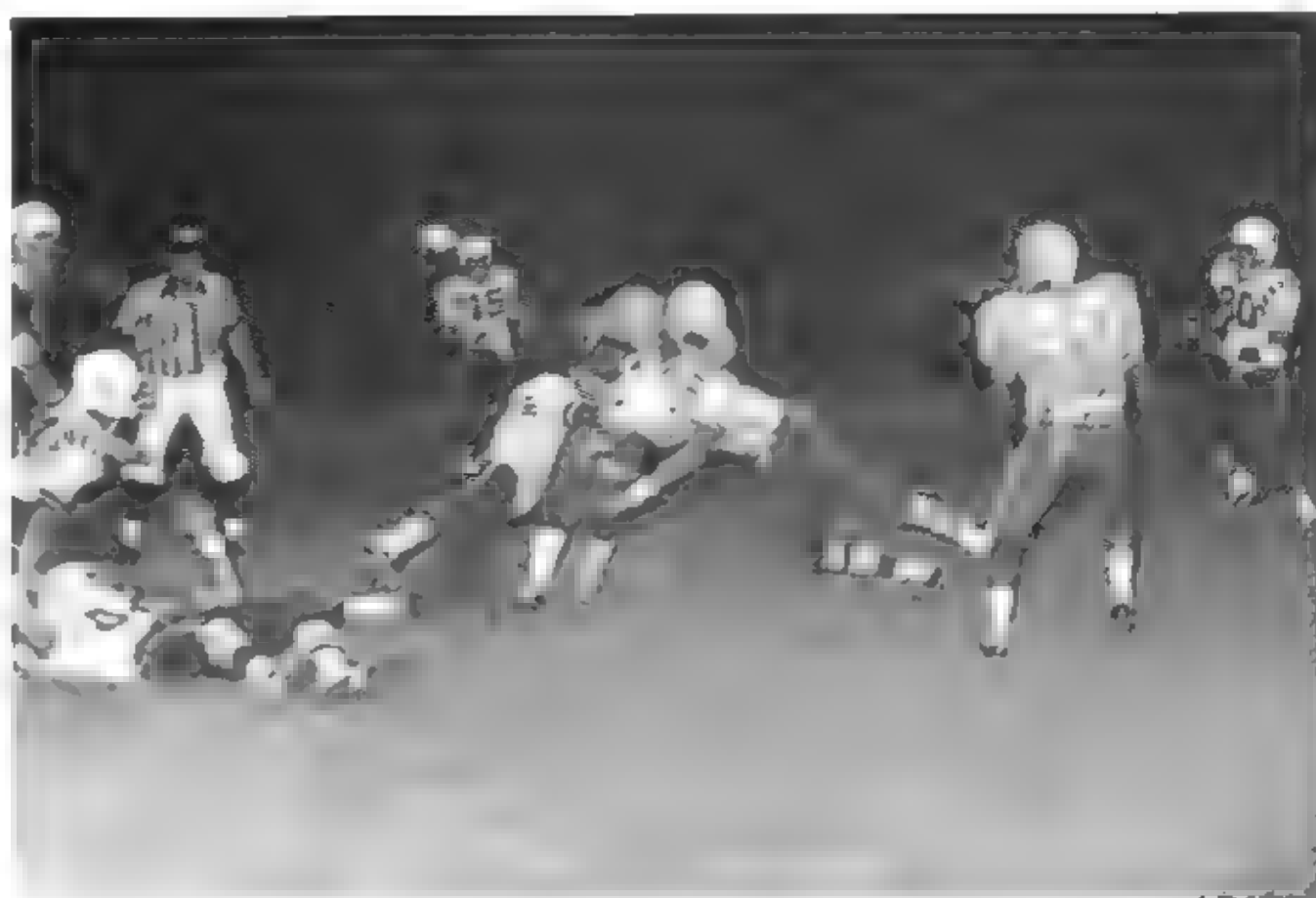
tion set up another first down for the Eagles within feet of the goal line. Carl Terrell took the ball in for the TD. The Eagles gambled on a go-ahead run only to be stopped cold and Taft still led 7 to 6.

The game rocked into the fourth quarter before fans got another chance to stand up and cheer. Rendon provided the spark when he intercepted one of Perez's passes & ran the ball all the way back to the Woodboro 15 before he was stopped. It looked like the Hounds would move to another TD at this point but the Eagles had other ideas and four plays netted only 7 yards and the ball went over.

On the first play Von Lee Heck broke through the Eagle line and nailed the fading Perez for a safety behind the double stripe. This made the score 9 to 6 in favor of Taft.



The coaches' best friends wait for the next play.



Two Greyhounds stop an Eagle dead in his tracks.

Taft Gets 2nd Dist. Win Over Calallen

Taft 6, Calallen 2		
First Downs	6	9
Yards Rushing	103	77
Yards Passing	5	72
Passes Attempted	3	15
Passes Comp.	1	7
Passes Int. By	1	2
Fumbles Lost By	2	2
Punts	7-31	7-33
Penalties	3-25	4-40
TAFT	TC	TY

45	Gabrysch	13	47
80	Rendon	13	17
10	Burch	10	26
1	Green	1	9
84	Homann	1	4
35	Hamilton	2	0
Totals		40	103

The Taft Greyhounds rolled to their second district game against Calallen last Friday night in strictly a defensive game and one in which the defensive team took most of the glory. Twice the Taft defensive line stood up and threw back the Wildcats at the edge of the goal line. Once early in the third quarter they took over on downs on the 10-yd line and a little later in the game they stood off a Wildcat drive that had carried to the 1-yd line.

Taft put all of their zip in one scoring drive that came the first time they got their hands on the ball following a recovery of a Wildcat fumble by Von Lee Heck on the Calallen 31 yd line.

Ray Gabrysch ripped for a first down on the first play of the game and then in six quick plays the Hounds moved the ball down to the 1-yd line where Ernest Rendon carried it over for the score. Bill Flinn missed the extra point and the score stood 6 to 0 in favor of the Hounds.

Opening the second half the Hounds finally cranked up a drive only to have it crumble in a fumble. Things got together in the 4th quarter as the Wildcats recovered a fumble at the end of a punt and took over the ball on the Taft 10yd line. Here the Taft defensive line led by Bill Flinn, Bobby Nance and Ronnie Homann rose to the occasion and took over on downs.

The Hounds managed to punt out of danger for the moment but the Wildcats came roaring back from the 40-yd line and put together enough yardage to give them a first down on the Taft 2 yd line. The entire Taft line came up with the "extra effort" and held the Wildcats cold, taking over on downs on their own 1-yd line.

Taft punched at the Wildcat defense trying to get some running room but they were not to stir an inch. So, facing the possibility of having a fourth down punt blocked, they elected to give the Wildcats a safety and then held a 6 to 2 lead.

Burch picked up an important first down to kill time and then a Calallen penalty gave Taft another first down as time ran out in the game.

And so Taft nailed down their second district game over Calallen 6 to 2.



ABOVE: Coach Sigle anxiously watches.

RIGHT: Von Lee Heck kicks off against Calallen.



Greyhounds Lope By Pirates, 21-20

TAFT — The Taft Greyhounds eased by the Rockport Pirates, 21-20, in a District 28-2A clash here Friday night.

Rockport drew first blood about midway in the first quarter after taking possession on the 50. Ruford Huff carried to the eight, and then the ball was moved to the one on a pass interference call against the Greyhounds. Huff carried over from there and Robert Brooks ran for the two extra points.

With about three minutes left in the first period, Taft took over on the Rockport 41 and Ernest Rendon carried to the eight on two plays. Ray Grabrysch carried over from there for the Greyhounds and quarterback James Burch passed to Rusty Rayborn to tie the score 8-8.

On the first play after the Taft kickoff, Rockport quarterback passed to Ted Deason for 38 yards and a first down on the Taft 20. They drove on down to the two and Huff scored from there. The try for extra points failed.

Then Taft took the kickoff and drove from midfield to the 15 from where Burch passed to Gerald Davis for six points. An attempted kick failed and the score at halftime was 14-14.

Rockport took the opening kickoff of the third quarter and scored on a run by Huff after driving down to the Taft five-yard line. The try for points failed.

Later in the third quarter, Taft took over on their own 28 after a Pirate punt drove down to the Rockport 20. Burch scored from there, and Bill Flynn kicked the winning extra point.

Taft ended a final scoring

threat by Rockport when Marshall Green intercepted a Pirate pass with 1:15 to go in the game.

Taft is now 3-0 in district and 4-3-1 for the season. Rockport is 2-2 in district and 5-2 for the season.



TOP: Greyhounds preparing strategy against Rockport. BOTTOM: Great pass protection gives quarterback Miller plenty of time.

Hounds Roar Back To Down Mathis

The Taft Greyhounds had to come back with a thundering roar in the last half to overcome the winless Mathis Pirates last Friday night. The Pirates had little respect for the loop-leading Greyhounds as they turned a bit of luck into an 8 to 6 half time lead that threatened to knock Taft out of their No. 1 district spot.

The entire game was filled with the unexpected with intercepted passes, fumbles and blocked punts providing most of the thrills of the game. Only one TD all night came on a sustained drive.

Diminutive Marshall Greer stole the hero's spot in the game as he intercepted three Mathis passes and returned one of them 75 yards for a touchdown.

Taft got their first big break early in the second quarter after one of their drives fizzled out and Homann punted. The Mathis safety bobbled the ball and Rusty Rayborn recovered on the Mathis 30 - yd line. Gabrysch hammered out 17 yds. in three plays and then Burch passed to Homann for a TD. Flinn's conversion attempt was no good.

Taft helped set up Mathis's score a few minutes later when they fumbled again and the Pirates covered on the Mathis 37-yd line. The Pirates ground out one first down on the ground and then Freitag hauled in a pass good for 25 yards. Two plays later Harris hit Coronado for 35 yards and a first down on Taft's 3-yd line. Harris sneaked over for the TD and then Harris passed to Al Luecheln for the two pointer and the Pirates went ahead 8 to 6. The half ended on this note.

Marshall Green opened the second with his second pass interception but on the first play the Hounds fumbled away their opportunity.

A few minutes later Taft took over on downs from the Pirates and then Ernest Rendon gave the Taft fans something to cheer about as he broke into the clear to go 71 yards to score. Burch passed to Rayborn for the two pointer and Taft took over the lead 14 to 8.

Again Green broke a Pirate drive by intercepting a pass but the Hounds were unable to move the ball and the Pirates took over on their own 15-yd line on downs.

The Pirates broke Coronado loose for 21 yards to get the ball out from the goal's shadow but they were finally forced to punt. Flinn came crashing through on the punt and blocked it. In the wild scramble that followed Rayborn got hold of the ball and got down to the 3 yd line before he was hauled down. Gabrysch punched twice before he put another six points on the score board - Taft 20, Mathis 8.

As the fourth quarter got under way Taft had a pass intercepted by the Pirates but as Mathis took over and went to the air Marshall Green was in right spot at the right time as he swiped another Pirate pass and ran it back 75 yards to score.

Taft came into possession of the ball on their own 29 yd line a few minutes later. They picked up a first down on a face mask penalty and then Rendon ripped for 15 yards and Green lost 10 and two 15 yard penalties set the Hounds back on their heels. Homann evened things up by slipping through for 25 yards. Burch then passed to Rayborn in the end zone for a TD. Flinn kicked the extra point and Taft held a 33-18 lead.

Mathis put the ball into play from their own 40 yd line and came out passing. Two completions moved the ball deep into Taft territory and then a pass interference penalty gave the Pirates a first down on Taft's 1 yd line.

Taft's defensive line rose to the occasion and busted two running plays for no gain. A pass fell incomplete but on fourth down Coronado slipped over for the score. A pass conversion attempt was no good and the final score went on the board - 33 to 14.



RIGHT: Hounds employ their great defense by smothering a helpless Pirate.

Taft Takes Close Game Friday From George West 12-6



Marshall Green prepares to take opening kickoff for the Hounds.

Mixing a rugged defense with a portion of effective offense, the Taft Greyhounds came from behind like true champions last Friday night to put the George West Longhorns behind them 12 to 6. In so doing they cinched the top spot in District 28AA standings.

The Horns established themselves early when they recovered a Taft fumble on the Taft 48-yd line. From this point it took the Longhorns just eight plays to power over a TD. At this point it looked like the Hounds were in for a long, hard night.

Fumbles played a big part in the game. The Longhorns put a fumble to good use in the first drive and then twice more in the first half the Taft boys gave up the ball by the fumble route. The second time the Longhorns recovered a Taft fumble on the Taft 25-yd line they moved for a first down on the 8-yd line and here the Taft defensive line had to bow their necks, taking over on a fourth down try from the 1-yd line.

The fumble breaks finally turned the other way and Taft recovered a Longhorn mis-cue on their own 19-yd line. From this point the Hounds really got down to business and started a steady drive down the field. Gabrysch ground out one first down and then Ernest Rendon broke loose for a 24-yd run to move the ball across mid field. Two plays later Burch set up a first down on the George West 25-yd. line. The Longhorns manured the defenses and Taft was faced with a fourth down situation lacking about 3 yards. Burch then scrambled free and got off a beauty of a pass to Rusty Rayborn and Taft was on the score board - George

West 6, Taft 6. The try for extra point was no good.

Speedy Hamilton recovered a George West fumble on the kick-off and the Hounds put another drive on the way; however, after racking up two first downs they had an illegal pass receiver penalty rock them back on their heels and a few plays later they had to give the ball up. The half ended on this note.

Mid-way in the third quarter the Hounds stalled a Longhorn drive and took over on downs deep in their own territory — The Taft 25-yd line.

Gabrysch broke the ball game wide open by crashing through for 24 yards and the Taft drive was moving. Ronnie Homann picked up 7 and then Burch found Gabrysch for 15 yards of a beautiful pass completion. Gabrysch and Rendon bucked straight ahead to gouge out still another first down on the Longhorn 9-yd line. Gabrysch hit the middle three times and on the third the ball squirted out of his arms and down to the 3-yd line where Bobby Nance covered it. Burch got the next call and after a neat bit of scrambling he cut over right tackle to cross the goal line to put the final score on the board — 12 for Taft and 6 for George West.

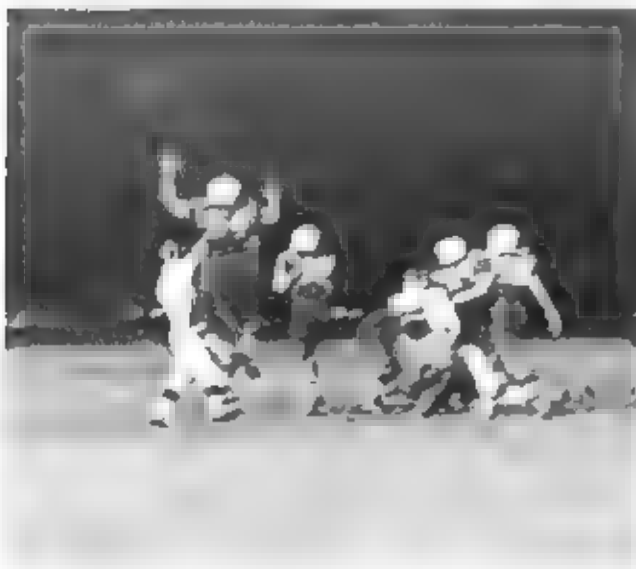
There was no more scoring but the Hounds had a battle with their backs against their territory and the Longhorns kept up a steady pressure.

In the closing seconds of the game Rayburn killed the last Longhorn effort by intercepting a pass.

Homecoming: 1968



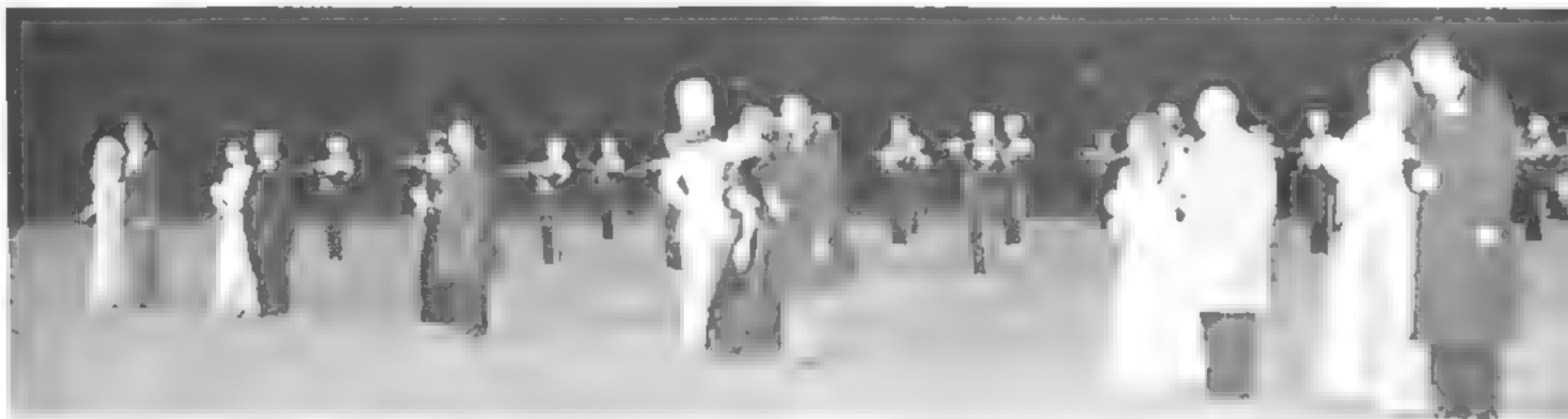
Who can forget that cold evening?



Nance shows his emotions as the final gun sounds.



Queen Cheryl Shelburne manages to smile against the cold.

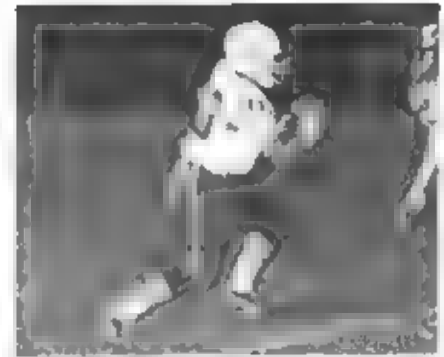


QUEEN NOMINEES, l-r: Valerie Becker, Carmen Galindo, Clara García, Joyce Rotzler, Cheryl Shelburne, and Gail Ivey.

Kucera Dashes Hound Hopes For Clean Slate

A 160-lb. halfback who has been injured several times this year returned to the Ingleside Mustang lineup for the first time in several weeks last Friday night and personally dashed Taft's hopes of going through the district play undefeated. Jim Kucera carried the ball 24 times for a total of 134 yards - more yardage than the whole Taft team mustered on the ground - and had one 37 yard jaunt called back when one of his teammates got caught clipping. He was, probably one of the best backs that the Hounds have faced this year. Several times Taft's defensive line was able to hold him for short yardage but they were never able to throw him for a loss or stop him at the line of scrimmage. He had a wonderful second effort that broke him free time and time again.

Jim Kucera contributed heavily to Taft's 8 to 0 downfall but Ingleside's defensive unit also contributed greatly to the defeat. It was late in the second quarter before Taft was able to muster their initial first down. There appeared to be a blue shirted Mustang at the right place at the right time every time a Hound was about to break into the open.



Burch prepares to pass.



Huestis and Gabrysch display good defense.



Hamilton takes the Kickoff.



Rayborn brings down a scrappy Mustang.

Rugged Defense Is Basis For Goliad's Bi-District Win

Goliad got on the score board early in the game setting the stage for their first score when Elvis Littles intercepted one of Burch's passes. Straight power took the ball in for the Tigers and a two point conversion gave the Tigers an 8 to 0 lead.

Taft's hopes rode high a few minutes later as Homann recovered a Tiger fumble. They launched a touchdown pass - the only trouble was that it was intercepted by Frank Thompson who went all the way to score. Bill Walker kicked the extra point and Goliad now held a 15 to 0 edge.

The game got farther out of hand just a few minutes later when Jimmy Horney passed to Elvis Littles for 54 yards and another TD. The conversion was good and Goliad held a 21 to 0 advantage. The half ended on this note.

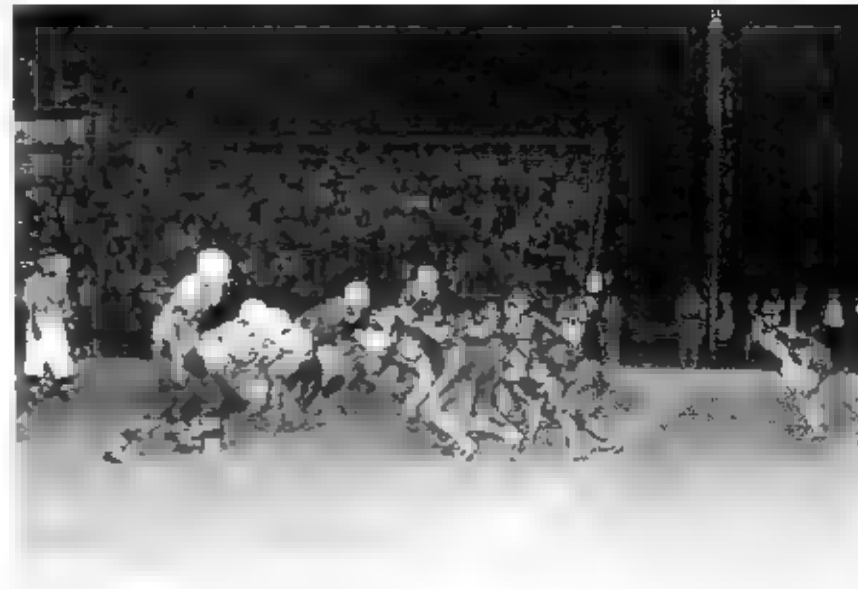
Early in the third quarter Peacock got off a beauty of a punt that carried deep into Taft territory and together with a clipping penalty, Taft found themselves operating from their own 3-yd line. Three plays netted only two yards and Rayborn tried to get a punt off only to have it blocked for a safety - Goliad 24, Taft 0.

Goliad put their final touchdown on the score board late in the fourth quarter. The Tigers were forced to punt and Peacock got off a high boot that got away from Taft's safety man and Goliad recovered on Taft 20-yd line. A pass, Peacock to Victor Ybare, put the TD in the record books. The conversion boot was no good and Goliad led 30 to 0.

Taft put the ball into play from their own 30-yd line. Hamilton

got 7 and then Jimmy Miller passed to Hamilton for 15 yards and a first down. Another Miller pass fell incomplete but on the next Miller found his mark in James Burch who worked free to sprint all the way to the double line to put Taft on the score board. A pass try was incomplete but Taft had evened things some what—Goliad 30, Taft 6.

Jimmy Miller, injured in a pre-season workout, and Frank Davis, who was hurt in the season, both returned to the lineup Friday night and each saw limited action.



Hounds play defense vs. Goliad.



The Hounds ran through a "victory line" prior to the game.

Cheerleaders and Twirlers



STANDING: Barbara Gracey, Clara Garcia, and Jenda Marsh. KNEELING: Debie Marsh, head cheerleader Rakela Rodriquez, and Cynthia Glasson.



Kay Koonce, drum major Cheryl Phillips, and Brenda Ewald.

Hounds Win Fifth Cage Title in a Row



FRONT ROW, 1-r: Manager Houston Barker, J. Miller, C. Fennel, R. Gabrysch, J. Burch, B. West, Manager Ted Nelson. BACK ROW, 1-r: Coach Roy Stegall, R. Rayborn, D. Taylor, J. Mayo, F. Davis, R. Hickman, Asst. Coach Poppy Rodriguez.

RECORD: 28 - 4

Non-district games		Other Non-district games	
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C. C. Academy	75 - 33	*Flour Bluff	75 - 62
Bishop	55 - 59	*Beeville	53 - 35
Refugio	72 - 42	*Bishop	57 - 47
*Cuero	61 - 31	*C. C. Moody	77 - 44
*Aransas Pass	46 - 37	Agua Dulce	91 - 33
*Gregory - Portland	68 - 75	Refugio	49 - 33
**Benavides	62 - 46	Sinton	66 - 53
*Bishop	56 - 36	Zapata	72 - 39
**Gregory - Portland	46 - 50	Zapata	45 - 42

B-Team Posts 18-2



FRONT ROW, l-r: A. Lugo, C. García, J. Burch, B. Thomas, M. Green. BACK ROW, l-r: R. Huestis, R. Rayborn, B. Flinn, M. Montgomery, and coach Poppy Rodríguez.

Both the A and B squads of the Taft Greyhounds made a name for themselves in district play in 1969. Each team finished undefeated to make a combined total of 24-0 in district play. The varsity team averaged 75 points in district, but they managed to score only 46 points in their bi-district contest against Yorktown, marking the fourth straight year that they have dropped a bi-district clash.

The B team, led by Randy Huestis, established the best district record since the 1966 squad.

GREYHOUNDS DISTRICT RECORD (Varsity only)

Mathis	69-43
Geor. West	85-27
Woodsboro	68-35
Rockport	69-42
Calallen	83-39
Ingleside	62-48

BI-DISTRICT at Refugio
Yorktown 49, Taft 46

Mathis	62-53
George West	75-24
Woodsboro	78-38
Rockport	61-39
Calallen	85-34
Ingleside	79-48

All-District 1969



LEFT TO RIGHT: Seniors Frank Davis and Bubba West and Junior Johnny Mayo.



John Chovanec of Sinton, Leland Dubose and Bill Chilcoat of G-P, Jimmy Miller and Frank Davis of Taft, Robert Poindexter of G-P, and Johnny Mayo of Taft (l-r) are shown receiving their all-tourney trophies at the Taft Kiwanis Tournament.

Taft Takes Opener, 75-33



Taft coach Roy Stegall with "faithful" managers Houston Barker and Ted Nelson.

Two-time all-district Frank Davis pulls down one of his many rebounds against Rockport.



Taft Wallops Agua Dulce, 91-33



Hickman, gritting his teeth, gets a rebound.



Don Taylor can't quite reach it.

Hounds Lose to G-P



Miller and Dubose of G-P contest under the boards.

Greyhounds Best Mathis in District Opener

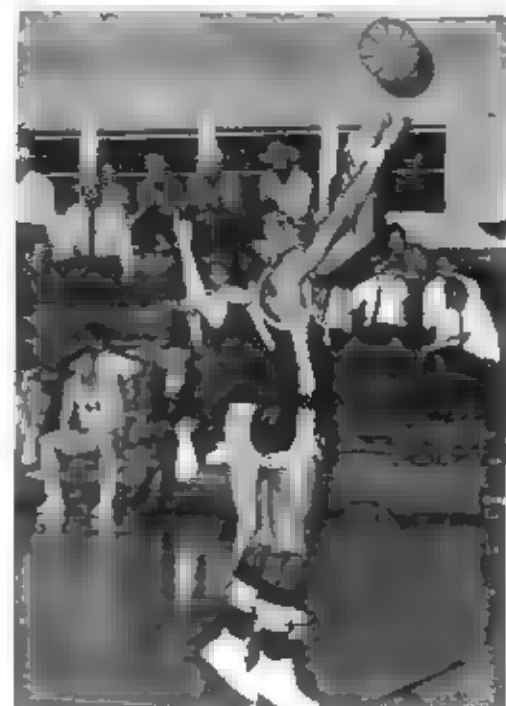


Gabrysch and Taylor grab an errant basketball.

George West Beaten, 83-25



LEFT: Bubba West, sandwiched between two Longhorns, scores two points.



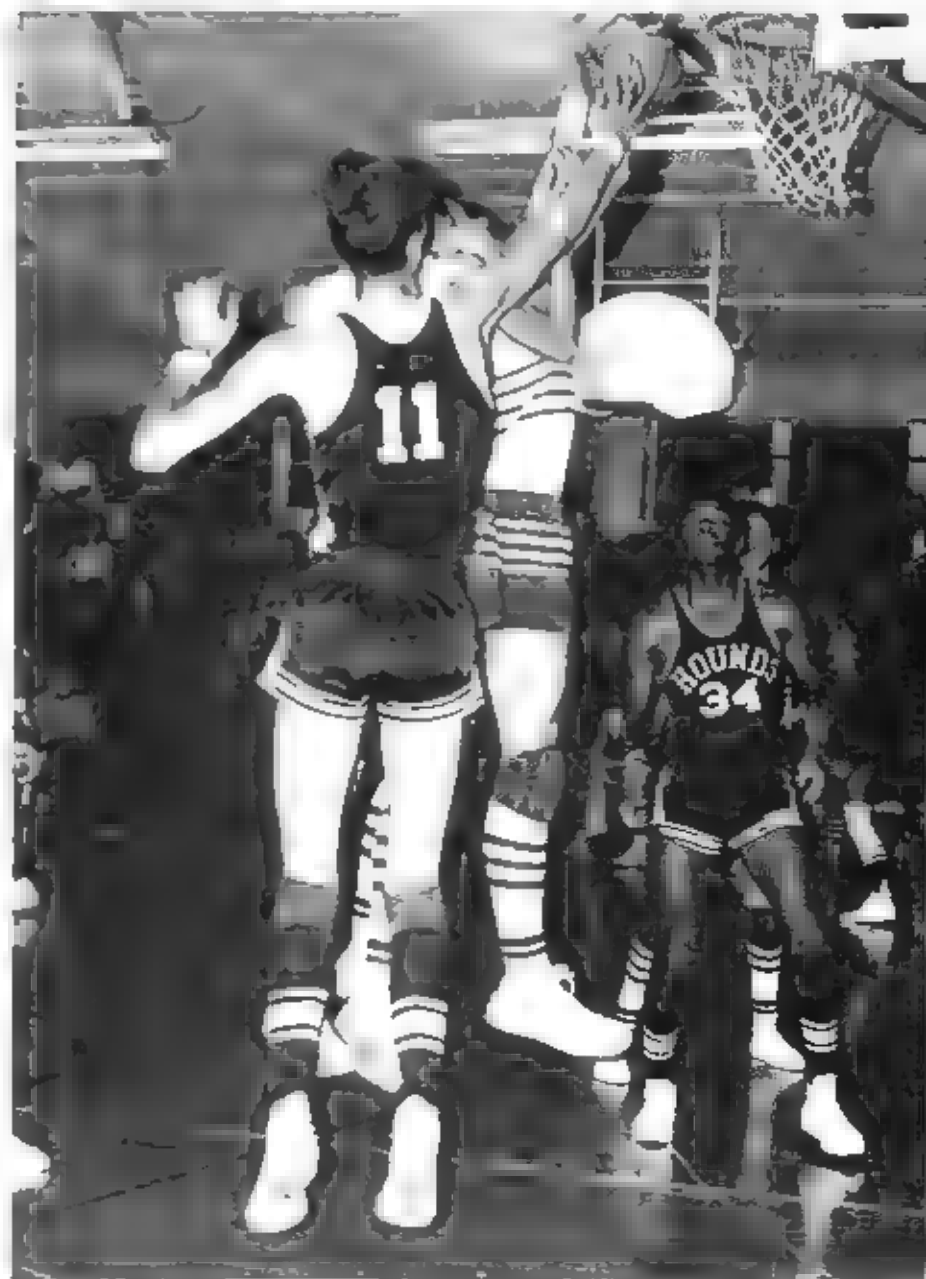
RIGHT: Davis concentrates on an important free throw.

Greyhounds Sew Up District Title Against Rockport



Clarence Fennel pulls down a rebound against Rockport.

Mayo contests for a rebound as he battles against two Ingleside Mustangs.



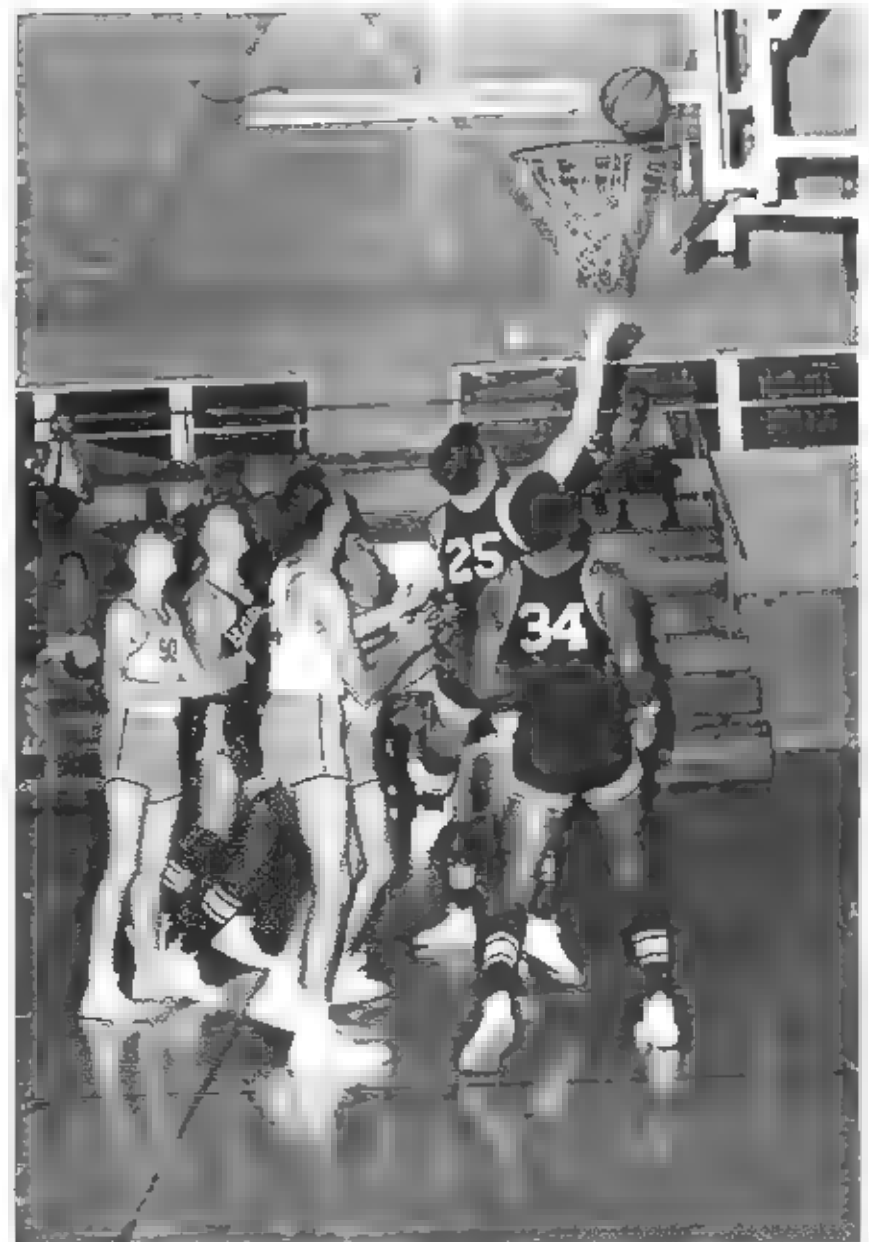
Davis controls the opening tip for the Greyhounds.

**Hounds End
District Season
by Defeating
Ingleside, 76-42**



Mayo drives in for a layup.

Taft Beats Zapata in Final Home Game, 45-42



Hickman lays in two for Taft.



West takes a short jump shot.

Yorktown Upsets Taft in Bi-District

Led by big Robert Johneskies, the Yorktown Wildcats, of 27AA, nudged the Taft Greyhounds, 49-46, in the Hounds fourth straight bi-district contest. They have still yet to win one.

Johneskies averaged 35 points for the season, but the 6-8 giant could muster only 18 points against a good Hound defense. However, he proved to be a tower of strength on the boards, pulling down over half of the rebounds.

Taft's high point men were Frank Davis and Jimmy Miller, who scored 13 and 10 pts., respectively.

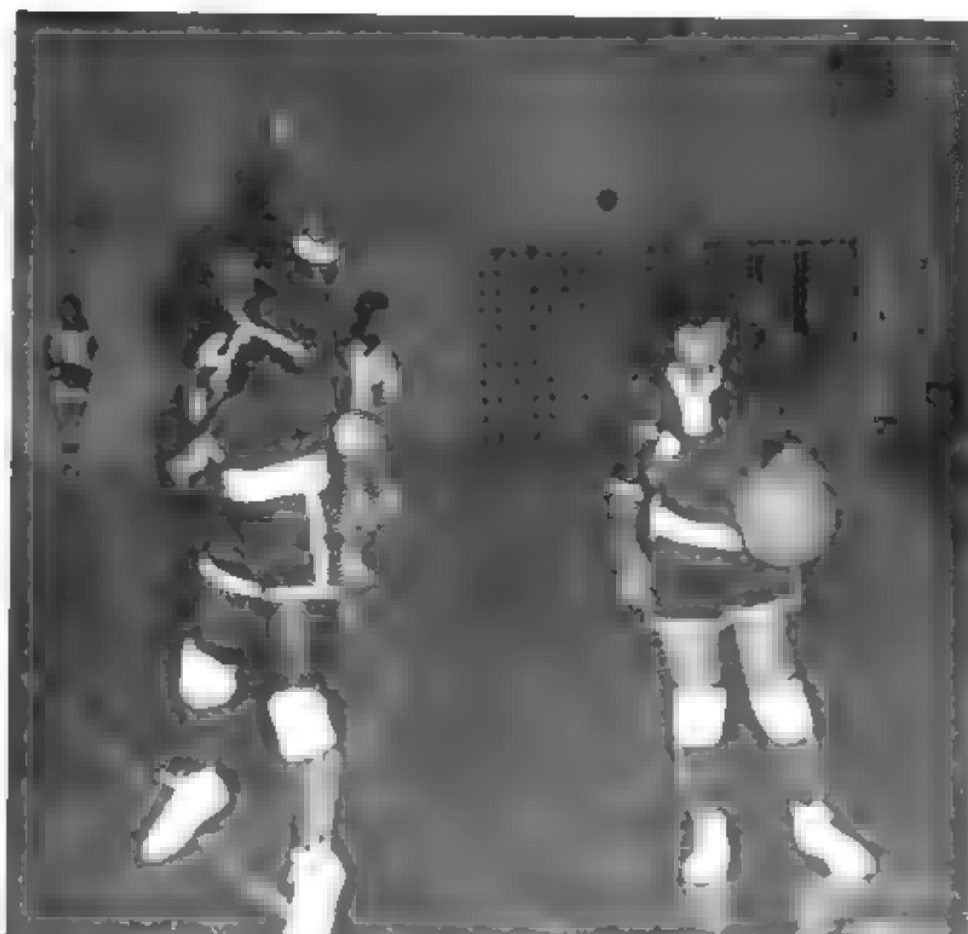
Girls' Basketball



BACK ROW: D. Morgan, R. Schmidt, C. Wendel, E. Jefferson, R. Bayless. FRONT ROW: B. Tims, B. Wallace, S. Gossett, S. Laws, L. Lott



Coach Mary Curry



Lucille Lott and Maria Molina warm up for the Agua Dulce game.

SEASON RECORD

Nov. 5	Skidmore	35 - 39
11	IWA	34 - 56
19	Tuloso	18 - 71
	Tuloso Tourney	
21	Flour Bluff	24 - 46
22	Poteet	37 - 36
23	Port Lavaca	30 - 55
26	Flour Bluff	32 - 37
Dec. 3	Flour Bluff	50 - 47
8	Skidmore	36 - 35
9	Agua Dulce	49 - 38
	Tivoli Tourney	
12	Tivoli	38 - 57
14	Victoria B	39 - 20
14	Tivoli B	19 - 23
* 17	*Mathis	47 - 17
20	*George West	25 - 45
Jan. 3	IWA	53 - 46
7	*Woodsboro	42 - 39
10	*Rockport	50 - 25
13	*Calallen	39 - 81
17	*Ingleside	41 - 39
21	Agua Dulce	48 - 68
24	*Mathis	32 - 22
28	*George West	36 - 56
31	*Woodsboro	38 - 49
Feb. 4	*Rockport	45 - 31
7	*Calallen	15 - 49
11	*Ingleside	39 - 40

* District Games

Season Record 12-15

District Record 6-6

Hard work and a new coach led the Girls' team of '69 to one of the best years ever for Taft High. Improvement was shown through diligent practice and team enthusiasm



Brenda Tims takes a warm up shot



ALL DISTRICT - Sandra Laws

Volleyball

Volleyball season started right after basketball was over. The girls played several warm up games before the District tournament, which was held at Taft this year. Although the girls were knocked out of competition by Rockport, the season was full of action and hard work.



Miss Curry works out schedule for next year



A TEAM: Carolyn Wendel, Bobby Wallace, Raye Ann Bayless, Alicia Valenzuala, Sherry Gossett, Brenda Tims.



B TEAM: B. Gracey, S. Benson, D. Gibson, D. Morgan, J. Cruz, B. Pinkett, M. Schmidt, V. Becker, O. Gonzalez, J. Boils, E. Silvas.



Dorothy Morgan is trying hard.



Another game is over.

Tennis Season Begins



Coach Mary Curry, Pool, C. Wendel, J. Rushing, B. Tims, J. Hickman, R. Montgomery.



Paula Pool (above) and Carolyn Wendel placed third in District Doubles.



Jerry Hickman is ready to go home after a hard day of practice.

Tracksters Fare Well in State Meet



BACK ROW: Coach G. Moehnkle, R. Gabrysch, J. Mayo, F. Davis, R. Homann.
THIRD: M. Green, V. Martinez, T. Floerke, B. Flinn. SECOND: Clarence
Fennel, B. Thomas, J. Burch, T. Rodriguez. FIRST: G. Moody, C. Garcia, S.
Hamilton, G. Davis.



Marshall Green wins hundred yard dash.



Don Taylor clears hurdle in District
Meet.

Hounds Send Seven to State Meet



STATE QUALIFIERS: (L-R) Davis, Mayo, Green,
Fennel, Homann, Davis.



STATE HIGH JUMP CHAMP:
JOHNNY MAYO (6-4)



STATE'S 3rd BEST 440-yd. RELAY TEAM: Fennel, Homann, Davis, Green.



Green anchors winning 440-yard relay team in District Meet..

George West Nips Hounds in 28-AA Meet



Former coach Woodroe Petty assists in checking times during Meet.



Albert Flores breaks tape for Freshman Champs.

Diamonders Improve



1st ROW: R. Huestis, A. Morris, M. Green, S. Tucker. 2nd ROW: K. Poenisch, D. Taylor, B. Flinn. 3rd ROW: J. Burch, R. Gabrysch, J. Mayo, R. Homann. 4th ROW: C. Garcia, J. Hernandez, C. Vickers. 5th ROW: R. Castillo, E. Rendon, G. Rodriguez.

PLAY BALL!

Robert Castillo warms up with his batterymate, Paul Hernandez, as he tries to hold his 2-0 lead.



Greyhounds Take 3rd in District

LEADING BATTERS

1.	Huestis	.333
2.	Taylor	.300
3.	Rodriquez	.285
4.	Tucker	.285
5.	Homann	.282

LEADING PITCHERS

(Based on ERA)

1.	Mayo	1.96
2.	Rodriquez	3.50
	Tucker	3.50

Garcia wisely
lets one go by.



Taylor slashes out a hit for the Hounds.





WHO'S WHO

The DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARD is the most highly coveted recognition bestowed upon students on the THS campus for distinguished and creative student activity. Given to those who render services to Taft High School beyond that which might be reasonably expected, the Distinguished Student Award often finds its way to students who work behind the scenes, serving the school consistently in many fields of endeavor. The selection is made by the faculty and students of sophomore classification. Selection is based on scholarship and attitude.



HIGH RANKING BOY
Kennth Poenisch

National Honor Society
F.F.A.
Sophomore class Secretary
Distinguished Student
Baseball
F.F.A. Judging Team
Scholarship

SALUTATORIAN
Brenda Tims

Band
District and
Regional Band
Distinguished Student
Award
Basketball
Volleyball
Track
F.T.A.
Science Club
Student Council
National Honor
Society
Annual Staff
Newspaper Editor

VALEDICTORIAN
Betty Koonce

Julia Byle
Sweepstake
Silver Thimble
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Johnny Mayo
SPORTSMANSHIP





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JOURNALISM
Bubba West



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ART
Tony Floerke

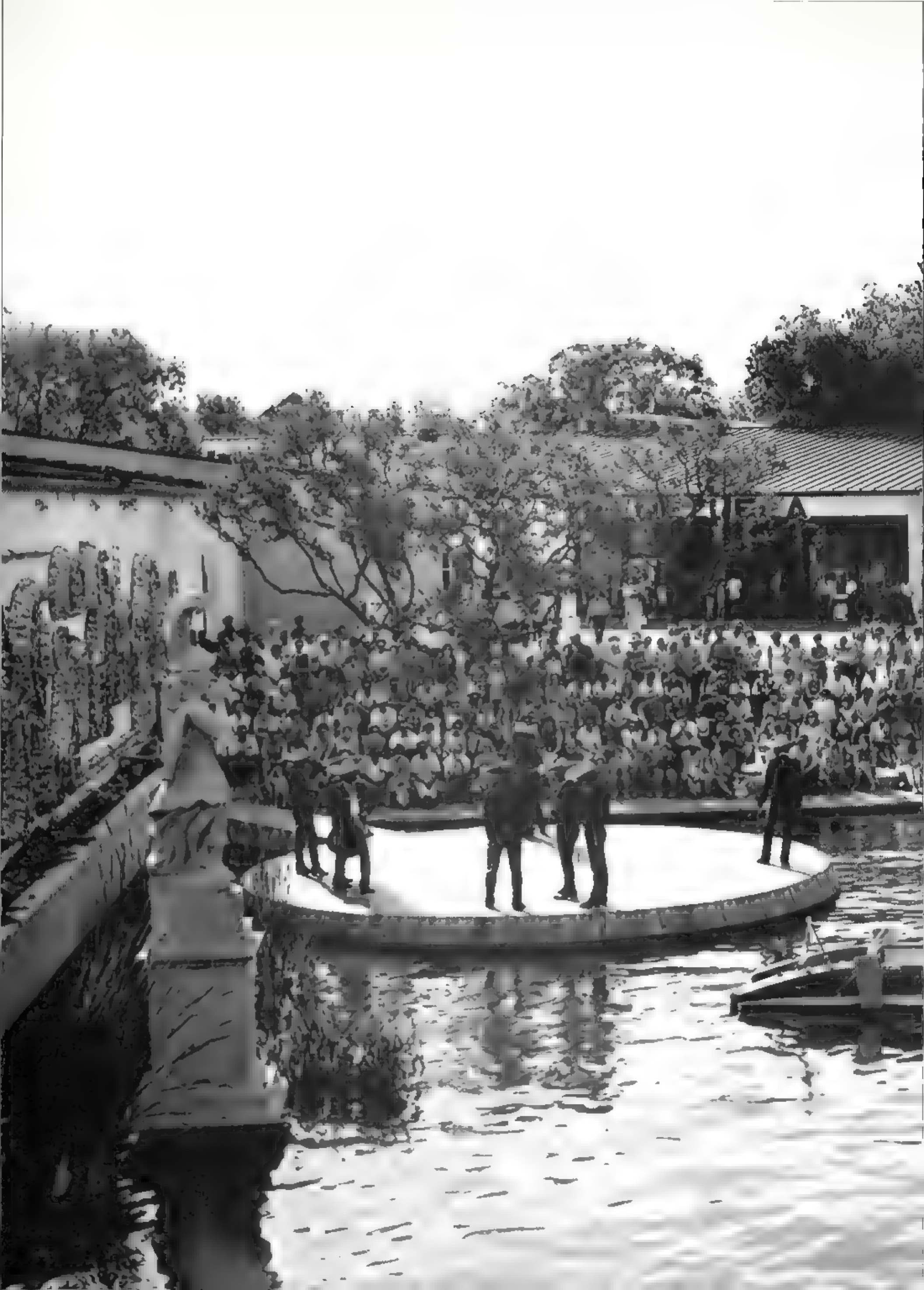


OUTSTANDING TEENAGERS

Betty Koonce

Joyce Rotzler

Becky Pinkett





ORGANIZATIONS

Through Student Council,



FOURTH ROW: C. Lozano, M. Howard, G. Moody, C. Wendel, D. Beyer. THIRD ROW: A. Barbee, J. Paterson, B. Koonce, S. Threadgill, A. Ayers, P. Bennett, N. Duprie. SECOND ROW: R. Montgomery, A. Venezuela, M. Schmidt, B. Guedin, C. Glasson, S. Benison. FIRST ROW: B. Pinkett, G. Ivey, C. Phillips.

The Student Council this year sponsored all the activities during Homecoming Week.

Four delegates were sent to the State Convention in Amarillo, Texas where they learn new ideas for a more effective Student Council.

In raising money for the delegates to attend the convention, the Student Council had bake sales and sold candy.



Danny, do you really think she will buy one?

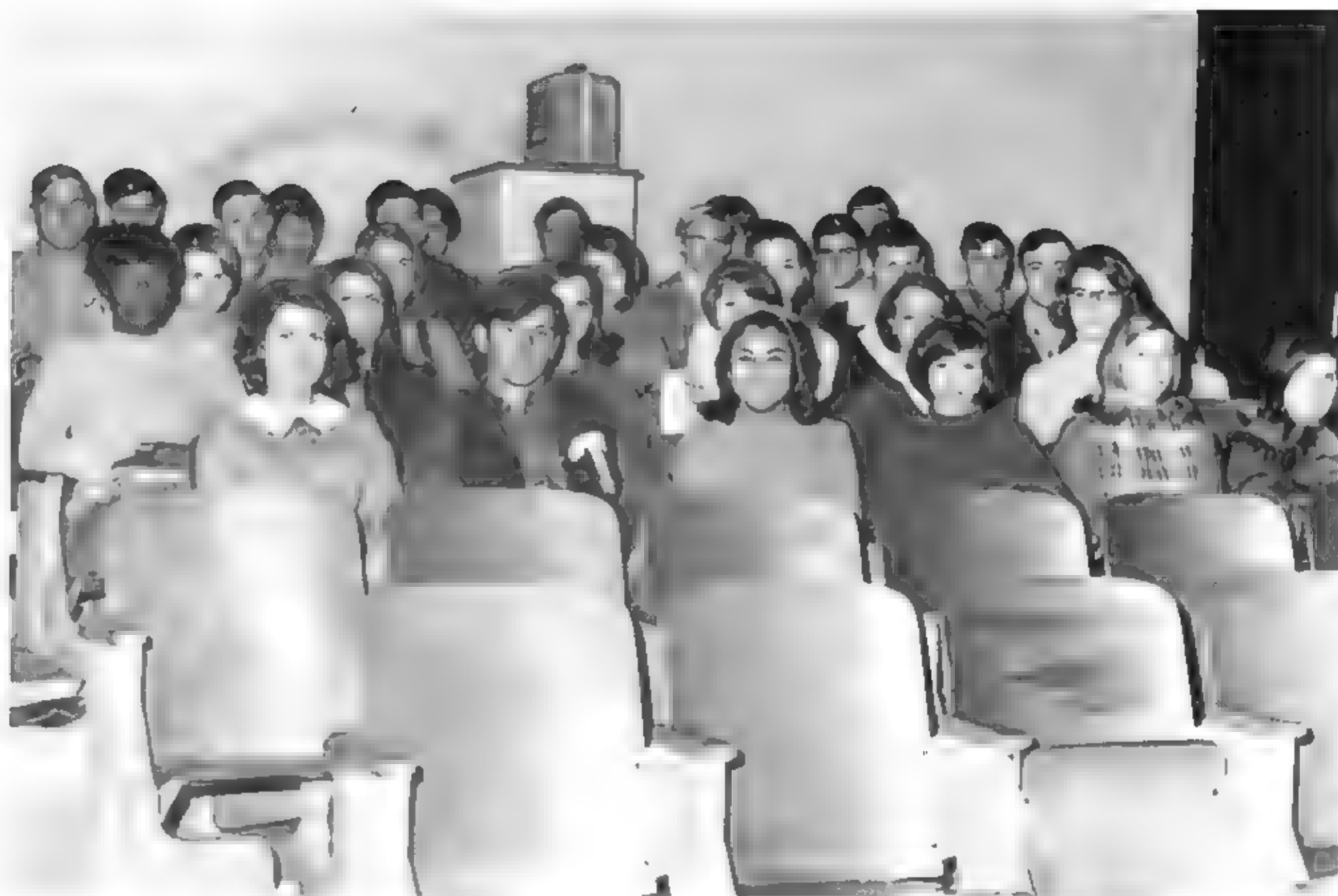
We Govern Ourselves.



Susie Threadgill, president of the THS Student Council, conducting one of the many meetings.

The candidates for Student Council officers are being presented to the student body.





FIFTH ROW: W. Orte, M. Molina, A. Mendez, A. Brezina, M. Howard. FOURTH ROW: D. Beyer, J. Miller, K. Hutto, B. Nance, G. Moody, E. Rachel, S. Hardy. THIRD ROW: K. Bradford, S. Threadgill, C. Phillips, G. Ivey, K. Poenisch, S. Tucker. SECOND ROW: L. Pleasant, R. Bayless, L. Kretzmeir, B. Koonce, B. Tims, C. Wendel. FIRST ROW: B. Pinkett, T. Floerke, R. Rodriguz, B. Gueden, P. Toland, D. Rosson.

National Honor Society

Members of the National Honor Society are chosen by the faculty. In order to seek admission he must first have the required grade average of 85. Each student is then judged on character, scholarship, leadership, and service.

News Comes to Life in the Howl of the Hounds



Although THS is a small school, the aspiring young journalist can find various ways of expressing himself.

This year the THS newspaper experiment with new ways of more efficiently editing the paper.

Gail Ivey and Sue Benison distribute the Howl of the Hounds before assembly.

SECOND ROW: B. West, B. Hamilton, R. Holman, G. Moody, V. Heck. FIRST ROW: S. Benison, A. Ayers, L. Hernandez, Mrs. Phelps.



Think Big and Plan for the Future



STANDING: R. Schmidt, G. Ivey, I. Langen, Pres., S. Beyer. SITTING: L. Lavender, S. Hunt, M. Smith, M. Becker, N. Tucker, D. Morgan.

"Think big and plan for the future" is the goal of this year's F.H.A. Chapter. Mrs. J. Sanders, Mrs. J. Flores, and Miss P. Theis, who sponsor the chapter, prepare their students for the future by classroom discussions of the various careers that are available in the rapidly growing field of Home Economics.

Working hand in hand with the F.H.A. Freshmen and the new students to the Homemaking field got their taste of both H.E. and F.H.A. early in the fall by having a car wash. The F.H.A. also made tray favors for the old folks' home in Sinton and several children's hospitals.

Money-making projects for the F.H.A. were a spaghetti supper and several bake sales.

For enjoyment, the F.H.A. Chapter attended the San Antonio Livestock and Rodeo.



FHA Serves Others

Sherry Gossett prepares her cake for the San Patricio County Show.



THIRD ROW: P. Pool, S. Olliff, C. Wendal, N. Beyer. SECOND ROW: J. Keeling, G. Hisey, B. Dorman, S. Threadgill, L. Sinast, K. Toland, R. Rodrigues. FIRST ROW: M. Morgan, P. Toland, P. Roots, J. Meyers, V. Becker, L. Kretzmeier, J. Cox, S. Gossett.



Future Farmers Earn,

With the FFA Motto as a guide, the Taft Chapter, under the leadership of L. J. Tomlin, has been very active. These students sponsored the Old Folks Rodeo and participated in the County Livestock Show.

The yearly money-making project for the FFA was working in the concession stand at the football games.

The local chapter also has a livestock and dairy judging team. These teams attended contests in College Station, San Marcos, Robstown, and Kingsville.

THS FFA Chapter also attended the San Antonio Livestock show and Rodeo.



Are these boys going on a field trip?

FIFTH ROW: C. Gracia, J. Carazales, D. Hodges, J. Waggoner, S. Roper, R. Threadgill. FOURTH ROW: G. Hurto, R. Hickman, D. Brezina, G. Hodges. THIRD ROW: P. Guerro, J. Rosson, K. Oliver, M. West, T. Reding, A. Barbee. SECOND ROW: R. Poenisch, J. Gossett, C. Vickers, D. Sanchez. FIRST ROW: L. J. Tomlin, M. Hunt, B. McClabahan, Sweetheart - R. Roper, K. Poenisch, D. Beyer, C. Tomlin.



**Learn,
Live to
Serve.**

This group of boys is hard at work trying to finish the Ag Barn. They are Allen Barbee, Jimmy Gossett, Scott Roper, and Dennis Brezina.



Jimmy Gossett proudly shows his pig at the County Show.



Future Teachers Foresee Careers

The purpose of the FTA is to further an interest in the teaching profession.

This club strives to learn about teaching as a career and to become acquainted with opportunities in this profession.



FOURTH ROW: B. McClanahan, R. Threadgill, M. Hunt, Sponsor, J. Cross. THIRD ROW: S. Gracey, A. Ayers. SECOND ROW: A. Rachel, C. Phillips, G. Ivey. FIRST ROW: L. Kretzmeier, P. Bennett.

Pan-Am Club Enlivens Spanish



The object of the Spanish Club this year was to obtain money for the State Spanish Club Convention in Austin, Texas.

Members of the club have had several bake sales to raise this money. A Valentine Party was also given for the preschoolers.

Mrs. Robledo discusses the meeting with Arnolde.

SEVENTH ROW: Mrs. Robledo. SIXTH ROW: N. Diaz, B. Mirales. FIFTH ROW: S. Evans, G. Hinojosa, C. Montemayor. FOURTH ROW: G. Martinez, C. Lozano, A. Cisneroz, F. Guardo. THIRD ROW: C. Wendal, D. Davis, B. Ewald, C. Glasson. SECOND ROW: N. Trevino, J. Guardo, C. Gracia. FIRST ROW: M. Smith, S. Beyer, P. Roots.



Young Scientists Broaden Knowledge



"There is nothing new under the sun," is a wellworn cliché. However, today's young scientist tends to disregard these words and tries to disprove this theory by discovering the unknown. The excitement of discovery is inherent in all of us, and this may be one of the reasons why the field of science is so popular to most students.

Heading the Science Club program this year at THS is Mr. F. Graham and Mr. C. R. Davis. This year the Science Club sponsored the annual Science Fair which was held in February.

Preparing for the Annual Science Fair, Ronnie Hickman shows great enthusiasm.

FIRST ROW: B. Flinn, C. Tomlin, P. Bennett, B. Ewald, M. Schmidt, R. Threadgil, A. Barbee, J. Acosta, Mr. Graham.



Adjectives for THS Pep Squad: Active, Enthusiastic, Spirited



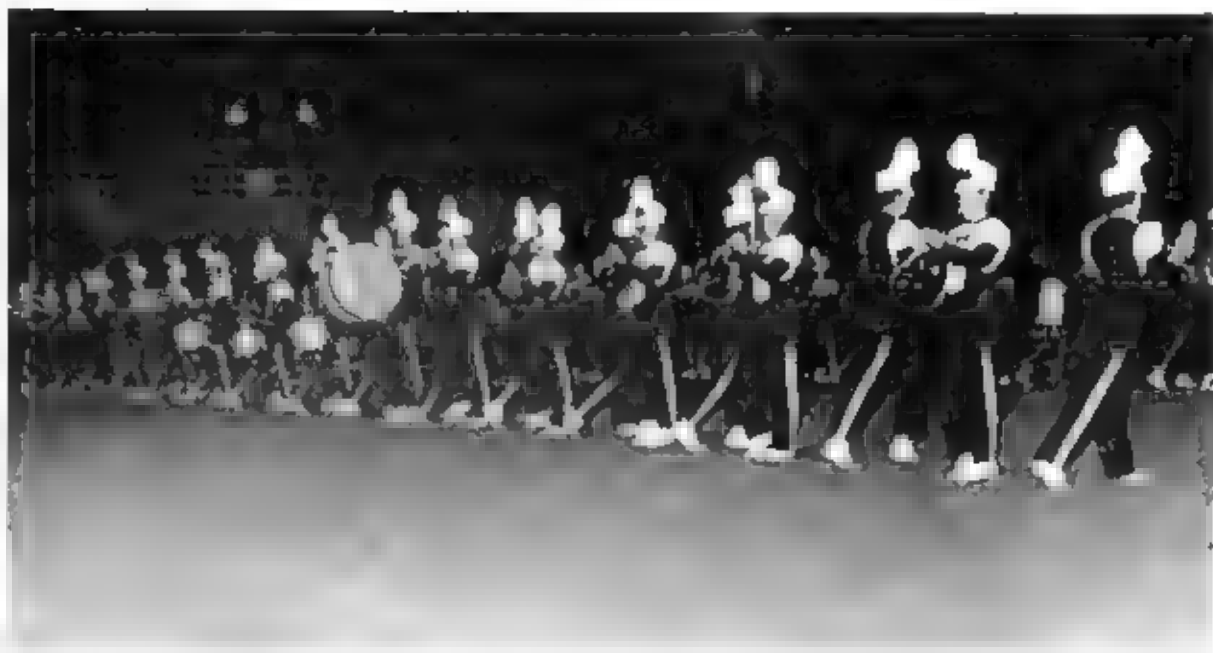
Under the able sponsorship of Miss Mary Curry, the pep squad has been an active organization on campus this year.

The members of the pep squad have had bake sales and have had a dance to raise money for sweaters and a trip.

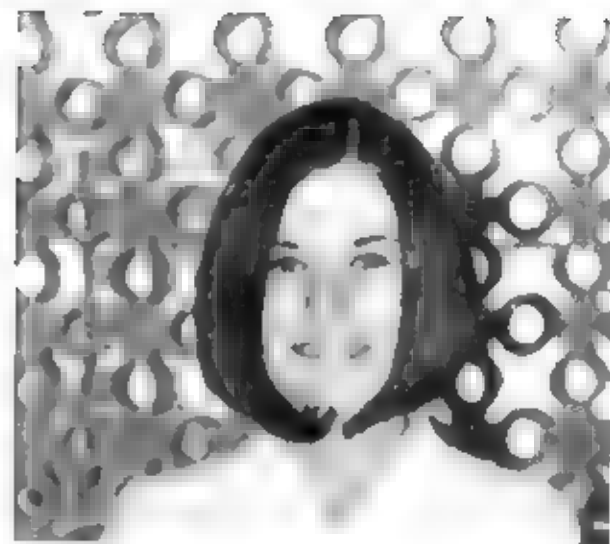
Pep Squad members selling cupcakes between periods.

FOURTH ROW: E. Jefferson, B. Gray, E. Balamarez, K. Jefferson, Y. Sandoval. THIRD ROW: L. Lott, M. Castillo, L. Bustos, E. Garcia. SECOND ROW: L. Bustos, N. Sifuentes, L. Fuentes, V. Gamez, S. Benison. FIRST ROW: M. Ruiz, M. Medina, J. Lugo, E. Villalobos, N. Townsend.





Taft Greyhound Band 1968-69



JENDA MARSH All-State



The Taft High Band is one of the most active organizations on the Taft High School campus. Three weeks before the official opening of school found the THS Band members preparing for the first home football game. Sessions in marching and playing were held regularly and members found Mr. Paul Gilmore, the new band director and Mr. Martin Wind the assistant band director to be enthusiastic and excited about the new year.

In April the band entered U. I. L. Contest and won Sweepstakes. In May the Band entered the Buccaneer Festival and won Sweepstakes and received Honorable Mention.



FIFTH ROW: J. Paterson. FOURTH ROW: R. Montgomery, J. Rushing, M. Medina. THIRD ROW: C. Wendel, P. Bennett, S. Tucker. SECOND ROW: B. Tims, C. Glasson, B. Ewald. FIRST ROW: M. Smith, S. Beyer

Annual Staff Produces Unusual Annual

Teamwork is the key word for the staff of the high school yearbook. Layouts, body copy, cutlines, and headlines are essential parts of yearbook that require countless hours of time, patience, and hard work.

The THS Annual Staff attended the Trinity Workshop in October to learn up-to-date techniques on the latest production of the annual for 1969.



Photographers Jody Paterson, Larry Standlee, Brenda Tims, and Randy Montgomery have a discussion in the workroom.



Annual sponsor Mrs. Flores and Editor Carolyn Wendel look over a list of activities.



Assistant Editor Betty Koonce looks through the Dummy Book.

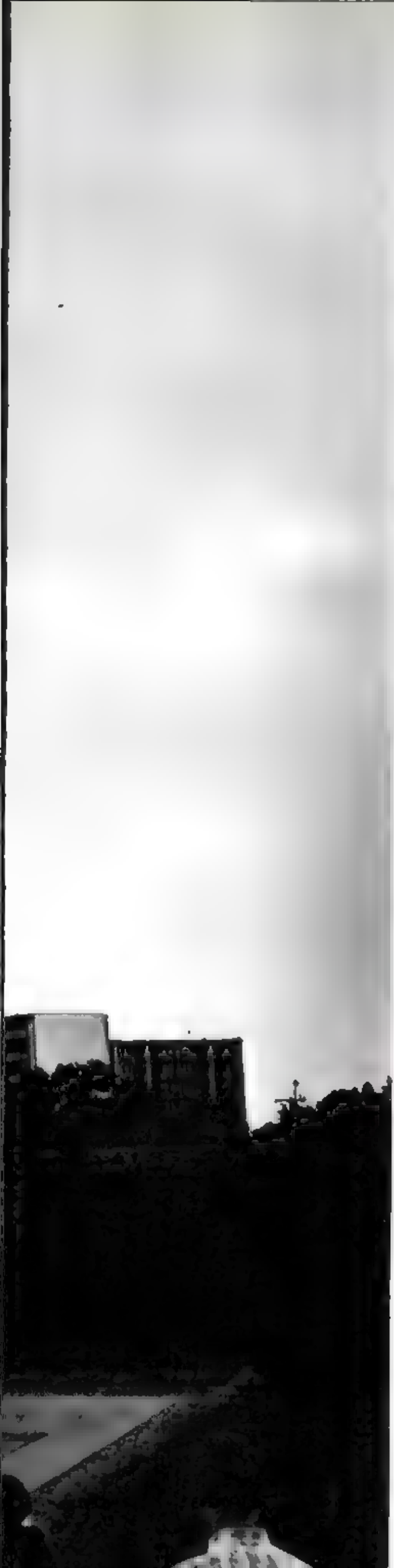


Organization Editors Sylvia Beyer and Mary Smith look over possible pictures.

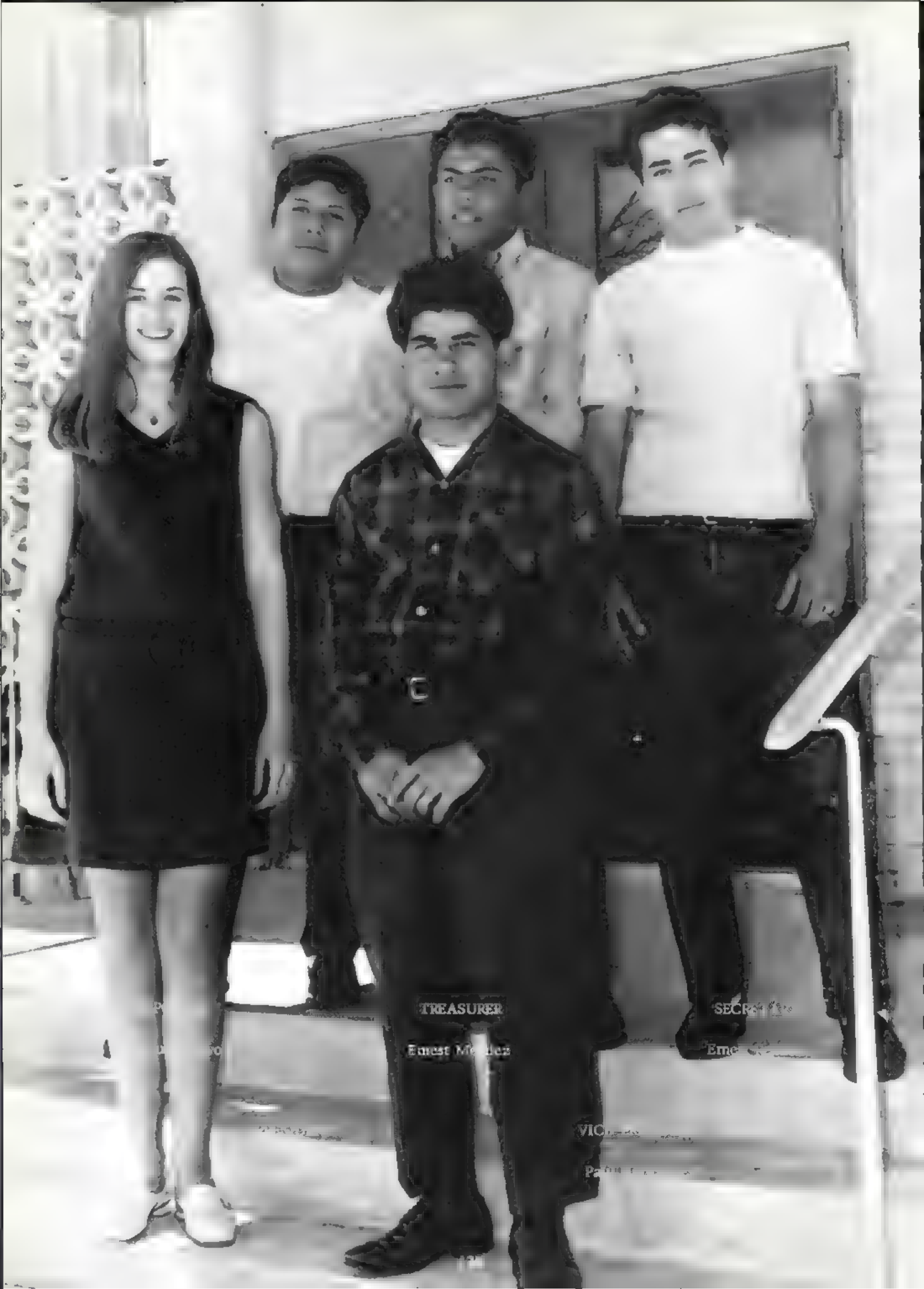


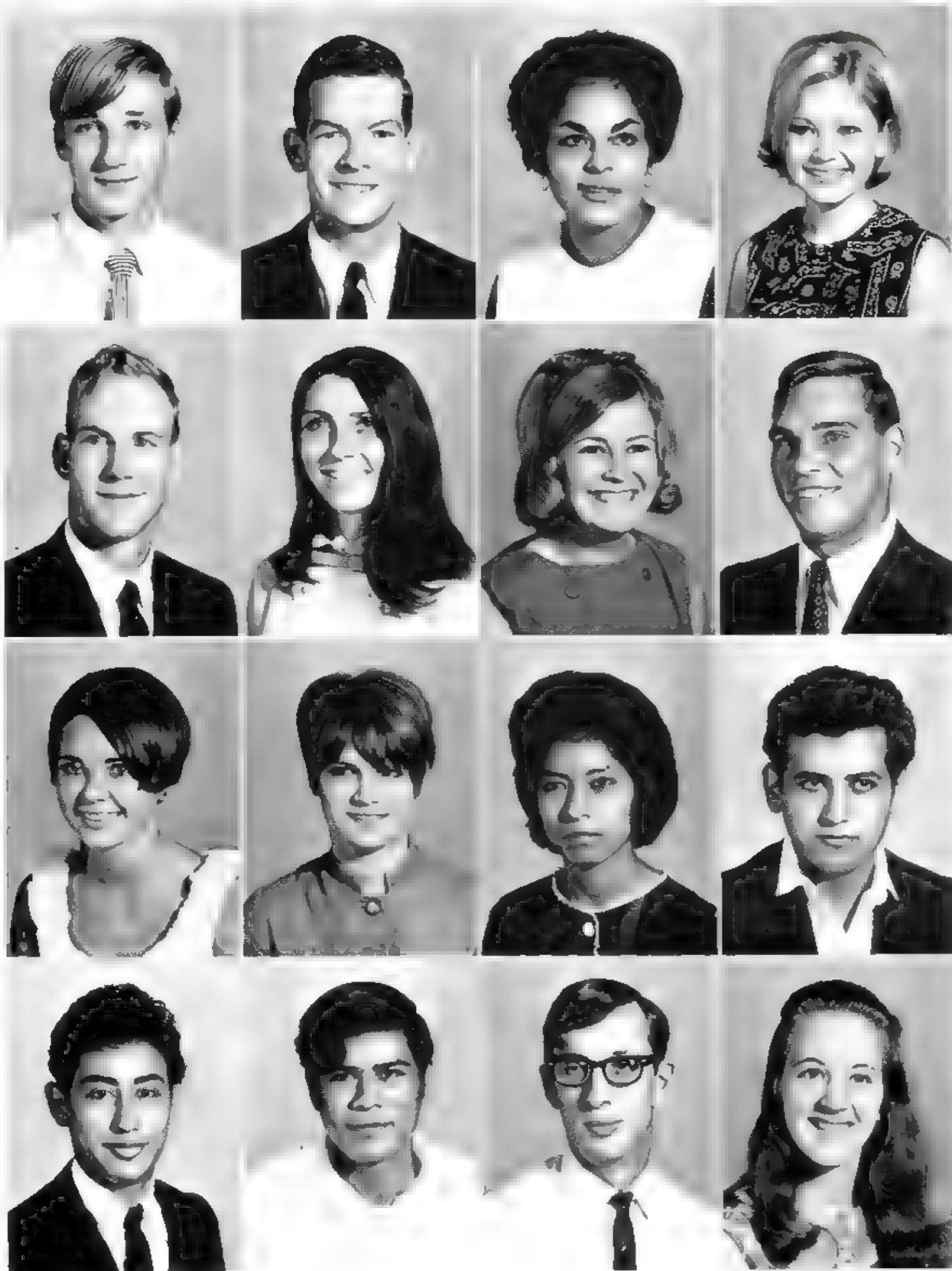
Bubba West, Sports' Editor, draws a lay-out for his section.





CLASSES





Pete Arnold
 Alan Houston Barker
 Kathy Bradford
 Manuel Castillo

Jerry Ash
 Raye Anne Bayless
 Annette Brezina
 Abel Cisneroz

Mary Lou Avalos
 Sue Benison
 Lydia Bustos
 Bill Cleveland

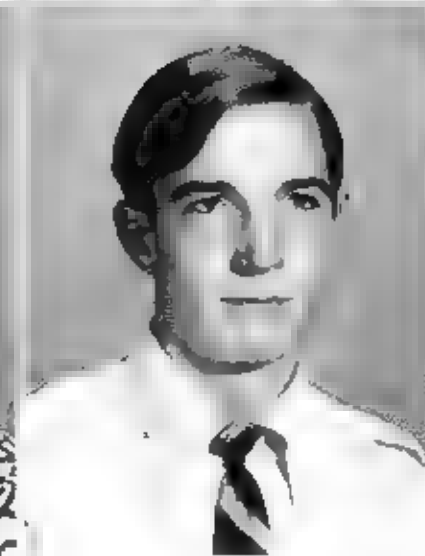
Anne Ayers
 Danny Beyer
 Emmett Castillo
 Janice Collavo

Seniors Struggle Thru Term Theme

Janie Mae Cox
Maria Cruz
Santiago Cruz



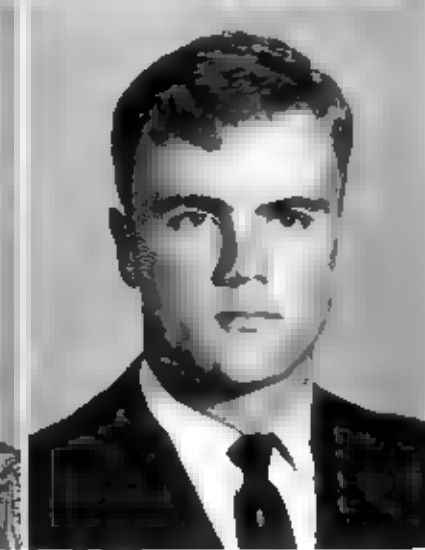
Frank Davis
Lydia Diaz
Frank Erhard



Beatrice Erskine
Clarence Fennel
Cleveland Fennel



Tony Floerke
Lupe Fuentes
Ray Gabrysch





Frank Garcia
Vicenta Gamez

Hilda Garcia
Sandra Gracey



Albert Garcia
Olga Garcia
Alpha Guajardo
Manuel Guzman

Angelita Garcia
Roy Garcia
Beth Guedin
Scott Hardy



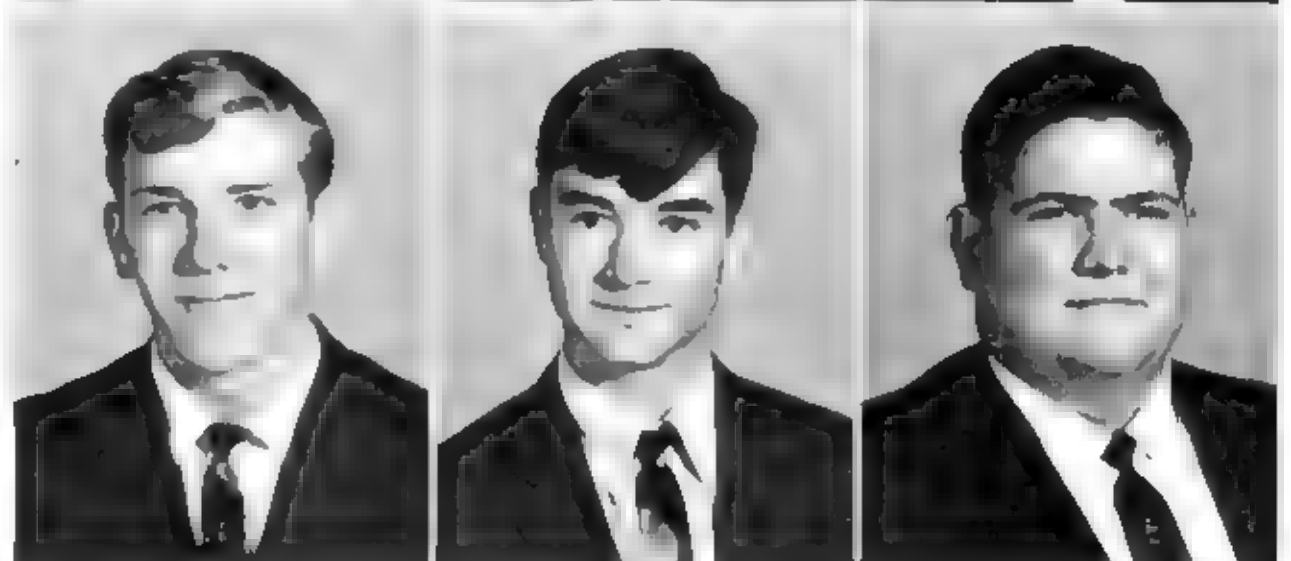
Beth and Cheryl seem to be working diligently on their English lesson, but is Ronnie?

Top Football Team Brightens Senior Year

Lucille Hernandez
Paul Hernandez
Jimmy Hisey



Ronnie Homann
Mike Howard
Wayne Hunt



Kenneth Hutto
Mary Jane Ingram
Gail Ivey



Erma Jean Jefferson
Allen Jones
Betty Jean Koonce





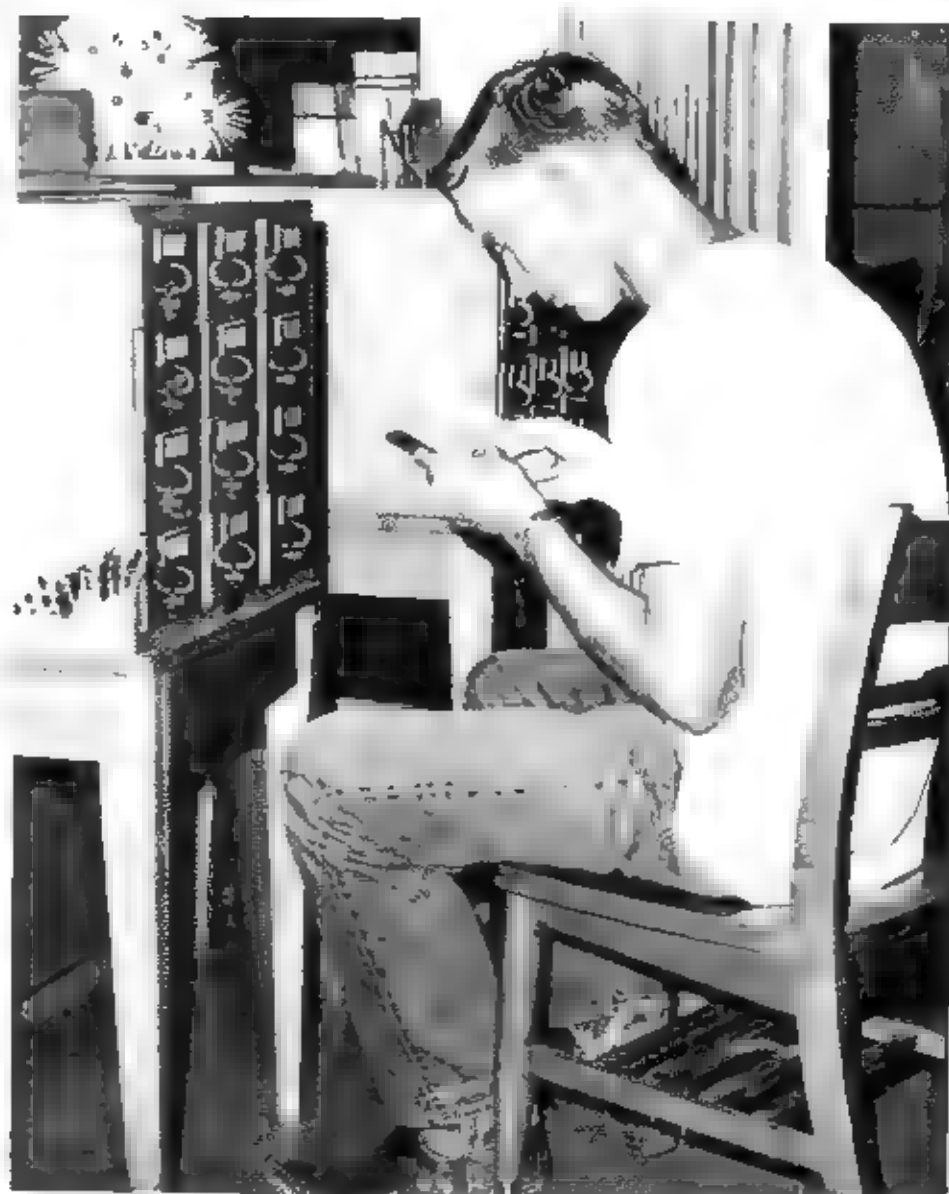
Juanita Lopez

Lucille Marie Lott



Linda Kretzmeier
Joe Lozano
Manuela Garcia
Vidal Maldonado

Mary Lou Longoria
Josephine Lugo
Beatrice Maldonado
Debie Marsh



Houston study???

Dru - the
camera's over
here!



"Ronnie, you need some more on top!"



Juanita Martinez
Alma Masquifelt
Ernest Mendez

Lupe Martinez
Billy McClanhan
Juan Mendez



Mary Lou Medina

Audelia Mendez



Seniors Send Transcripts in All Directions



Jimmy Miller
Maria Molina
Gary Moody



Patsy Moore
Leandro Moreno
Reynoldo Moreno



Allen Morris
Bobby Nance
Fidel Naranjo



Ted Nelson
Manuel Olivo
Willie Orta

Seniors Welcome Long Christmas Break

Armando Perez
David Perez
Cheryl Phillips



Becky Pinkett
Linda Pleasant
Kenneth Poenisch



Dewey Poteet
Ed Rachal
Oralia Rangel



Ernest Rendon
Jaime Rivera
Rakela Rodriquez





Rudy Rodriguez
Cheryl Shelburne

Roxie Roper
Nelda Sifuentes

Mary Ruiz
Lupe Solis

Lupe Sanchez
Daniel Silvas



Scut Titus takes "five."



Mattie Lee Sturgeon
Scut Titus

Robert Sturgeon
Patti Toland

Suzie Threadgill
Nancy Townsend

Brenda Tims
Steve Tucker



The slide rule fascinates Mr. Davis's Chemistry students.

Caps and Gowns Mark Beginning and End



Cody Wallace
Bubba West

Edelia Villalibos
Carolyn Wendel
Evangelina Yglesias



These football boys are on their way to a pep rally.



Vicenta Gamez works hard to finish her homework.

Juniors



PRESIDENT

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Estella Belmarez

Manuel Avalos
Sylvia Beyer

Gloria Ayala
James Burch

Mary Banda
John Carrizales

Melanie Becker
Juan Castillo



Students in Mrs. Stapper's English II class are absorbed in the day's lesson. At least some of them are.

Juniors Slave Over Prom



Odilia Gonzales and Speedy Hamilton finish their American History lesson with a smile.

Lupe Castillo
 Armando Cisneroz
 Arnoldo Cisneroz
 Elida Cortinas



Eusebio Cruz
 Manuel Cruz
 Doll Davis
 Gerald Davis





Richard Ford

Juan Delgado
Carmen Galindo

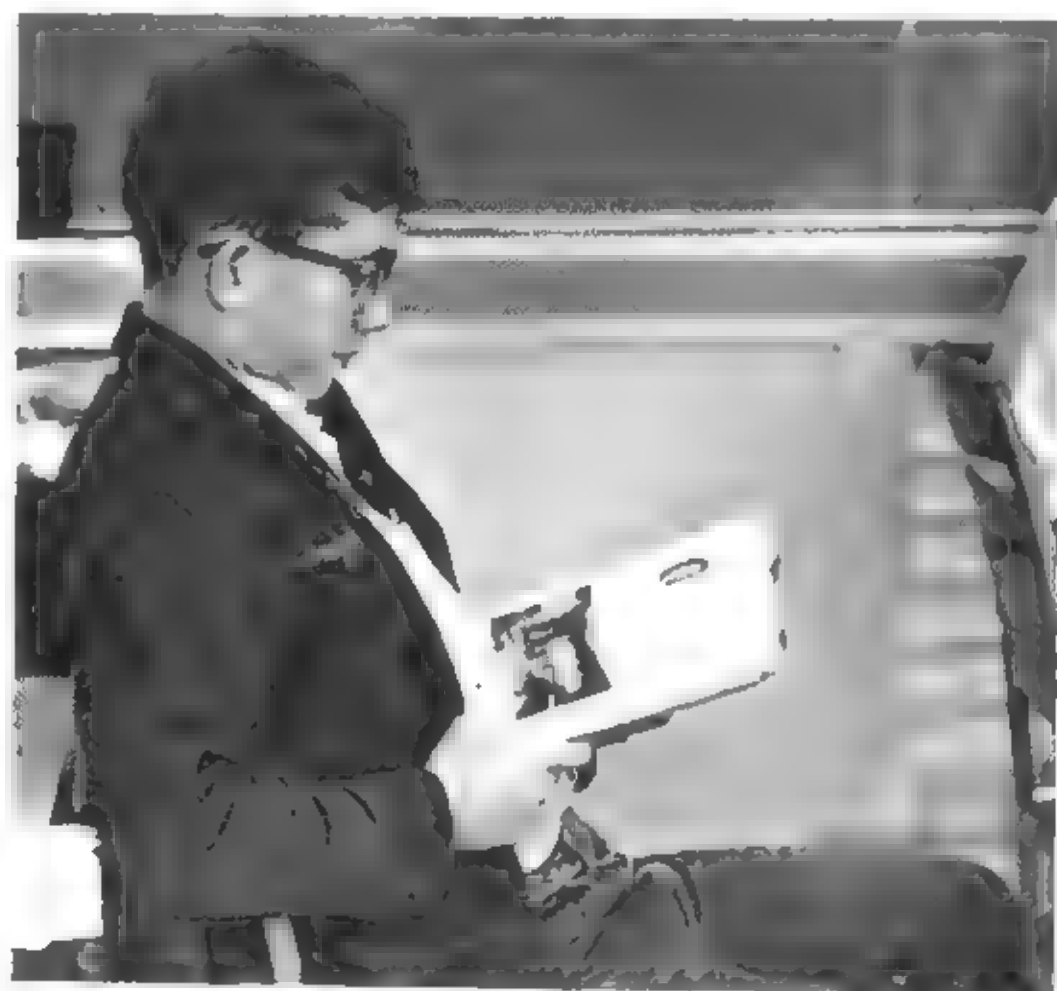
Becky Driver
Albert Garcia

Audry Eldridge
Angie Garcia

Santos Encinia
Clara Garcia



Mr. Davis devotes long hours to
teaching Juniors.



Grayson Hodges decides to get a little studying done before
the bell rings.



Joseph Garcia
Betty Lou Gray

Cynthia Glasson
Janie Guajardo

Linda Gonzales
Pete Guerrero



Español gives Doll Davis a hard time.

Theresa Langen seems to have forgotten something.





Charles Tomlin is determined to understand that Chemistry.



Speedy Hamilton
Von Lee Heck



Noelia Hernandez
Henry Herrera



Ronnie Hickman
Grace Hinojosa



Donald Hodges
Grayson Hodges



Shirley Hunt
Kathy Jefferson

Evelyn Krebs
Mike Krumnow
Theresa Langen



Lynne Lavender
Sandra Kay Laws
Jamie Longine



Charles Lozano
Lupe Martinez
Rene Martinez



Ruben Masquifelt
San Juana Mara
Johnny Mayo



These girls seem to be enjoying Bookkeeping class.



Juniors Strive Toward Senior Year



Sherry Sites is waiting for the serve.



Bobby Wallace, Mary Lou Medina, and Jana Myers are working on a Home Economics project.



Lupe Mendez
 Georgina Montemayor
 Celia Montez
 Omero Montez

Josephine Moran
 Inez Moreno
 Jana Myers
 Sandy Olliff

Mary Lou Orta
 Robert Poenisch
 Rusty Rayburn
 Tommy Reding

Clubs and Homework Claim Our Time

Miles Reynolds
Pete Rios
Agapita Rodriquez
Janie Rodriquez



Joaquin Rodriquez
Pam Roots
Delia Rosalez
Doroteo Rosalez



Joyce Rotzler
Amparo Saenz
Santos Saloana
Yolanda Sandoval



Ines Saucedo
Manuelita Sifuentes
Tony Silvas
Sherry Sites



Mary Smith
Bobby Suarez
Melvin Sutton
Angie Tamayo





Gloria Tamayo
Don Taylor
Charles Tomlin
Norma Trevino



Alicia Valenzuela
Domingo Vasquez
Patricia Waggoner
James Wagner



Barbara Jean Wallace
Marsha Warren



Laverna Wilson
Sandy Woodall



Cynthia Glasson seems to be fascinated by her typewriter.



These girls are enjoying one of the many activities in P.E.



VICE-PRES

SECRETARY

PORTER

Kathy

Randy Montgomery

Rosita Cruz



Karen Abrahams
 Arnulfo Acosta
 John Acosta
 Janey Aguirre



Ray Aguirre
 Pam Bennett
 Virginia Blair
 Jane Boils



Dennis Brezina
 Freddy Buitron
 Melvin Burch
 Lucy Bustos



Idolina Casiano
 Juan Castenada
 Petra Castenada
 Mary Castillo



Robert Castillo
 Richard Chavez
 Roy Cisneros
 Dolores Cortez



Helen Cox
 Arturo Cruz
 Gilbert Cruz
 Juanita Cruz

Confused Sophomores at T.H.S.

Rosita Cruz
Raymond Elisardo
Elevoria Encinia
Brenda Ewald



Bill Flinn
Neal Floerke
Roy Ford
Josephine Galindo



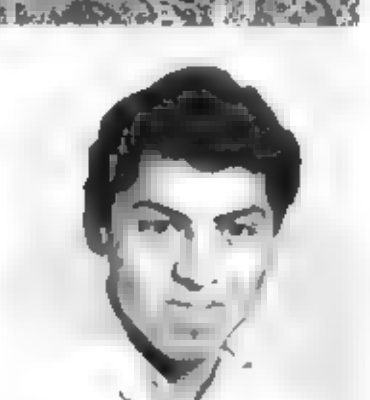
Deryl Phillips can't quite
get the message.



Robert Galindo
Calixtro Garcia
Evangelina Garcia

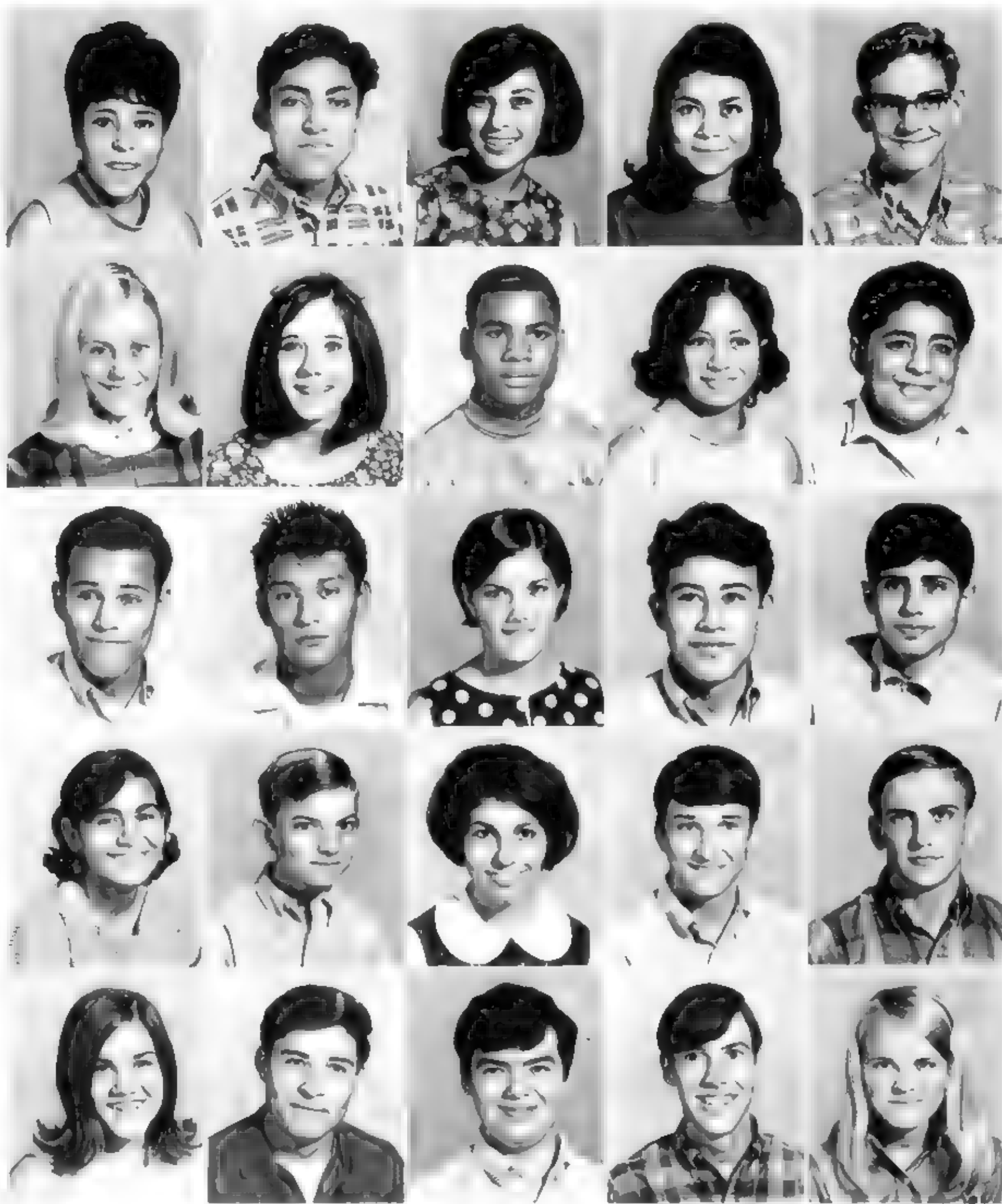


Mary Garcia
Daphne Gibson
Jaime Gomez



Cindy Gonzales
Joe Gonzales
Juan Gonzales





Isabel Gonzales
Sherry Gossett
Alfredo Guerrero
Estella Herrera
Dru Ivey

Mario Gonzales
Barbara Gracey
Raymond Guerrero
Jerry Hickman
Urbana Jaime

Odilia Gonzales
Marshall Green
Missy Hardy
Kathy Hinojosa
Carl Johnston

San Juana Gonzales
Elizabeth Guajardo
Joe Hernandez
Buddy Howard
Jesse Josseland

Jimmy Gossett
Felix Guajardo
Raymond Hernandez
Randy Huestis
Kay Koonce



Dru Ivey gets the point across.

Alfonso Lugo
San Juana Martinez
Randy Montgomery

Danny Lozano
Hector Medina
Manuel Moreno

Jenda Marsh
David Mendez
Mary Moreno

Jesus Martinez
Cirildo Mendoza
Dorothy Morgan

Lupe Martinez
Monty Montgomery
Armando Narvaez



Sophs Anxiously Await Jr. Year



Janie Narvaez
Shelley Nelson
Margarito Nieto
Alma Nino



Janie Olivo
Chuck Paterson
Jody Paterson
Kenneth Phagan



Deryl Phillips
Ann Rachal
Mike Ramos
Celia Rangel



These girls are busy making Christmas decorations in Homemaking Department.

Sophomores Sight Problems, Goals, and Opportunities

Charles Reagan
Leon Rhodes
Alolfo Rijos
Elia Riviera



Martha Robertson
Alfredo Rodriguez
Dolores Rodriguez
Estela Rodriguez



Gilbert Rodriguez
John Rodriguez
Martin Rodriguez
Mary Rodriguez



Ofelia Rodriguez
Rosendo Rodriguez
Rudy Rodriguez
Scott Roper



Laurie Rosson
Jim Rushing
Lupe Saldivar
Amos Sanchez





Studying hard is part of the Sophomore's year.

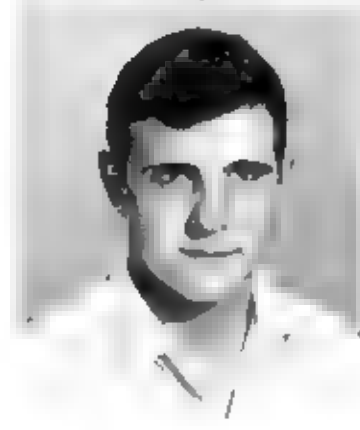
Mary Jane Schmidt
Mary Martinez
Richard Threadgill
Charles Vickers

Roxanne Schmidt
Ingnecio Soliz
Adela Torres
Alex Villobos

Leo Sifuentes
Larry Standlee
Nancy Tucker
Jimmy Villobos

Elba Silvas
Nancy Sturgeon
Juan Vera
Deneane Wendel

Harold Smith
Bill Thomas
Bobby Vesely
Olga Yglesias





1. Begin with the World



2. Move to the Western Hemisphere



3. Explore paths from the Old World to the New



4. A new way of life is established by the meeting and merging of the Old and the New. The process is continuing—

